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We are so excited to have you and your students join us for Outdoor Education this Spring. In this packet of information, we will equip you with tools to prepare for your week at camp, communicate to parents, and ensure you and your students have an incredible, life-changing experience at camp.

We've also included a daily breakdown of our Spiritual Theme, which is the foundation for everything we do in camp. We desire for your students to encounter Christ, their Creator, in a new and powerful way, as they learn more from His word and from His creation. Along with the Spiritual Theme for the week, you will also find the devotional and discussion questions, as well as other important details including registration information, arrival & departure procedures, the schedule for the week, ways to send campers mail and email, optional activities, and suggested packing lists.

We cannot truly express how grateful, honored and blessed we are to partner with you as you bring your students to our Outdoor Education camp. We are excited to see how God uses you, your teachers and parents to demonstrate for your students how to live faithfully, each day, in a way that brings Glory to God, and not ourselves. We also look forward to seeing the Spirit of the Lord challenge & transform each of their hearts. We have been and will continue to pray for you.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or need anything from us in the coming weeks.

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

THEME QUESTION

What is Truth?

THEME OVERVIEW

We live in a world where anything can be accepted as true and encourages us to define our own truth. Phrases such as "my truth," "live your truth," "do what's true for you," are used everyday. These phrases force us to ask, and answer, the question, "Is there such a thing as absolute truth?" And if there is, how does that affect our life? This season we are going to take a look at the life of Jesus through the book of John to see how Jesus himself defines truth. Our prayer as we study the book of John together is that we would respond with love and affection for Him and have a greater priority for and deeper understanding of the truth, His word.

THEME VERSE

John 18:37-38

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

DAILY DIRECTION

Monday Night – Truth of God

Tuesday Morning – Truth of Scripture

Tuesday Night – Truth of Jesus' life and teaching

Wednesday Night – Truth of Sin

Thursday Night – Truth of Jesus' death and resurrection (gospel message)

Friday Morning – Truth of the life of the believer

CAMP SCHEDULE

MONDAY

1:00 PM Registration
2:00 PM..... Free Time Activities Open
4:30 PM Counselor Meeting - MR Coffee Co
5:30 PM..... Dinner – Cedar Hall
7:30 PM Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:45 PM Free Time – Ark & Lawn
9:30 PM Head for Bed
10:00 PM Lights Out

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
8:00 AM Breakfast – Cedar Hall
8:30 AM Cabin Clean-up / Couns. Meeting
9:00 AM Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AM Adventure Class #1
12:00 PM Lunch – Cedar Hall
12:30 PM JAM Time
1:30 PM Adventure Class #2
3:30 PM Free Time
5:30 PM Dinner – Cedar Hall
6:10 PM..... All Camp Photo
6:15 PM Evening Recreation
7:00 PM Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:30 PM Night Game
9:15 PM Head for Bed
10:00 PM Lights Out

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
8:00 AM Breakfast – Cedar Hall
8:30 AM Cabin Clean-up / Counselor Meeting
9:30 AM Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AM Adventure Class #3
12:00 PM Lunch – Cedar Hall
12:30 PM JAM Time
1:30 PM Adventure Class #4
3:30 PM Free Time
5:30 PM Dinner – Cedar Hall
6:15 PM Evening Recreation
7:00 PM Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
8:45 PM Ark Recreation Games
9:15 PM Head for Bed
10:00 PM Lights Out

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
8:00 AM Breakfast – Cedar Hall
8:30 AM Cabin Clean-up / Counselor Meeting
9:30 AM Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AM Adventure Class #5
12:00 PM Lunch – Cedar Hall
12:30 PM JAM Time
1:30 PM Adventure Class #6
3:30 PM Free Time
5:30 PM Dinner – BBQ on MR Lawn
6:30 PM Evening Recreation
7:30 PM Chapel and Victory Circle
9:30 PM Head for Bed
10:00 PM Lights Out

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Rise and Shine / Pack for Home
8:00 AM Breakfast – Cedar Hall
9:00 AM Chapel – Meadow Ranch Chapel
10:00 AM School Breakout Time
11:00 AM Picnic / Sack Lunch – Cedar Hall
12:00 PM Head for Home

WELCOME TO
Flume Lake



- Welcome Center
- Health & Safety
- Parking
- Staff & Offices
- Lodges
- Ponderosa Cabins
- Meadow Ranch Cabins
- Recreation
- Meeting & Multipurpose
- Stores
- Restaurants
- Walkways
- Main Roads
- Secondary Roads
- Pay Phones
- Restrooms



TO GENERALIST HWY
 HOME LAKE
 PONDEROSA LAWN
 CHANNEL POINT
 UPPER LAWN
 UPPER MEADOW RANCH LAWN
 CEDAR LAWN
 TO HWY 180

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In order to help make the process of getting everyone to camp as smooth as possible, be sure to connect with our Registration Team with any questions you have about the registration process, and so you know what you should be bringing with you to camp as you check in.

You can reach them at (559) 305-7788, or by email at register@hume.org.

ARRIVAL

When you arrive, you will need to send someone into the Meadow Ranch Coffee Co (the bottom floor of Cedar Hall in Meadow Ranch) to check your group in with our Registration Team. There we will make sure all of your registration items are good to go, final payment is all squared away, give you wristbands for your group and confirm your final cabin assignments.

Registration opens up at 1:00p, and the following free time activities open up at 2:00p on Monday: Boats at the Boathouse, the Pool, the Climbing Wall and the Ark (basketball, ping pong, foosball, billiards).

There will be a counselor meeting at 4:30p in the Meadow Ranch Coffee Co, and we would like to have all the counselors there if possible. Our staff are around camp supervising your students during this meeting.

Dinner will be served in Cedar Hall at 5:30p.

DEPARTURE

On Friday morning, after breakfast you will be given some time to clean and pack up before chapel. You will also have a little time after the school breakout session (which is at the end of chapel) to finish the packing process.

At 11:00a we will serve sack lunches to everyone, which you are more than welcome to eat outside on the deck or on the Meadow Ranch Lawn, or even take them on the road with you if you need to start heading home.

CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE

The main Hume Lake Christian Camps phone number: (559) 305-7770

SENDING MAIL TO CAMPERS

Mail is distributed Monday - Thursday nights at dinner. To send a letter or package to your child, please be sure to send the letter/package at least 3 to 4 days prior to the desired delivery date, and use the following mailing address:

Outdoor Education / Camp Date
Camper's Name / School Name
64144 Hume Lake Rd.
Hume, CA 93628

GENERAL INFO

MEADOW RANCH

Much of our time in Outdoor Education will be spent within our Meadow Ranch camp boundaries. Whenever students leave the Meadow Ranch camp boundaries, they MUST either be with a staff member, or with a counselor. This would include when heading to their Adventure Classes, as well as during Free Time when they head places such as the General Store, Snack Shop, Apparel Store, Gift Shop, or Boathouse.

RECREATION

Every cabin will be put on a team with a couple other cabins of students of the same gender. You will go to your adventure classes all week together as a team, and you will also be competing all week against other teams, earning points from our recreation games, cabin clean up, daily memory verses, behavior/participation in adventure classes, and quiz show at the end of the week. The team with the most points at the end of week wins, and each member of the team receives a Championship T-shirt.

CABIN CLEAN-UP

Every morning at breakfast we will announce the daily cabin clean-up theme. Then after breakfast, during the counselor meeting, students will have time to clean up their cabin and decorate it according to the daily theme that is announced. Feel free to bring any type of general supplies that would be helpful for decorating your cabins each morning. Please keep in mind we want the cabins to remain clean, and ask that the decorations not cause any damage or require extra clean-up after you have left at the end of the week.

MEMORY VERSES

On the next page, you will find the philosophy and guidelines for the memory verses, as well as the daily memory verses themselves. They are to be memorized by the students and counselors, and must be recited by memory during their time at camp to earn points for their team. Feel free to spend time before camp talking through or even studying the passages with your students. You can even start having them memorize the verses before they come to camp. Our hope is that we are teaching students to store the Word of God in their hearts and minds, and have it transform their lives.

SWIM TESTS

Every student who wants to swim in the pool without a life-jacket, or take a boat out on the lake, must pass a swim test. It is a short and easy test to determine whether or not a student is able to swim in the deep end of the pool. We will be offering the swim test during the entire afternoon on Monday, and during the first 30 min of the afternoon Free Time on days the pool is open the rest of the week.

K.P. DUTY

Every student will have at least one opportunity to serve other students and counselors in camp as the K.P. at a meal. The K.P. ("Kitchen Patrol") schedule will be assigned by your Recreation Team. When the students have K.P. duty, they will be responsible for arriving early to the meal to help set up, serving their table during the meal, and staying after the meal to help clean up. Each student on K.P. duty will be assigned a table to sit at and serve for the entire meal. That table will be full of people not from their cabin or team. It is an awesome opportunity to meet new people, and to serve others.

WEDNESDAY DINNER - COUNSELOR TABLE DECORATING

For dinner on Wednesday evening, we would like to invite the counselors to decorate a table for their cabin. Feel free to bring any decorations and supplies needed for decorating the table, and making your students feel special. This is by no means a requirement, just something that we know is fun, has been done in the past, and counselors have loved being able to do. Once again, this year we have long rectangular tables, 10ft x 2.5ft.

THURSDAY EVENING GAME SHOW

At the beginning of chapel on Thursday night we will have a Game Show to quiz the students on their knowledge of the information that they learned in the Adventure Classes throughout the week. Each team will need to select 4 students to participate in the Game Show. The contestants will participate in 4 different rounds, 1 student from each team, each round. We would ask you to have the counselors help select the 4 students who will represent their team ahead of time, understanding that their team may also have students from a different school, so be sure to work with the other counselors as well.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

THE BOATHOUSE , THE LAKE & THE POND

The boathouse will be open (weather permitting) select afternoons during Free Time. At the boathouse, we have kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddle boards to take out on the lake, bikes to ride around camp and discs for our disc golf course. All equipment all require a \$5 deposit fully refunded when the boat and equipment are returned. Students must have a counselor with them to head over to the boathouse and to take a boat out on the lake.

SWIMMING POOL

Free - Open in April on select afternoons during Free Time and heated to a cozy 82°F

ARK

Free - Basketball, Foosball, Ping Pong, Billiard and of course Ga-Ga Ball

ESCAPE ROOM

\$5 - Open select afternoons during Free Time. Signups take place Monday night.

MEADOW RANCH GIANT SWING

Free - Open select afternoons during Free Time. No sign-ups required. First come first serve.

CLIMBING WALL

Free - Open select afternoons during Free Time.

MEADOW RANCH HIGH ROPES COURSE

\$15 - Tuesday/Thursday afternoon during free time. The cost is \$15. You must sign up to be able to participate. Sign-ups will take place on Monday night at the Meadow Coffee Co after chapel.

PAINTBALL

\$10 - Wednesday/Thursday during Free Time. Includes 100 rounds of paint. Extra rounds can be purchased on the course for \$5.00 per 100 rounds of paint.

HATCHET THROWING

Free – Open select afternoons. Located behind the Meadow Ranch Chapel. First come, first serve. No sign ups required.

SNACK SHOP, GENERAL STORE, & CLOTHING COMPANY

Open daily during Free Time. Swing by the snack shop to pick up a burgers & fries, and don't forget to get one of our famous handmade milkshakes! At the General Store you'll find some snacks, drinks, or even an Icee. And be sure to stop in the Clothing Company or Supply Co for some Hume Apparel from hats & beanies, to shirts, sweatshirts and more.

PACKING LIST

WHAT TO BRING

BEDDING

- Sleeping bag (or twin sheets & blanket as cabins have twin sized beds)
- Pillow

CLOTHING (Remember: no bare midriffs or spaghetti straps; and no sagging)

- Pants
- Shorts
- Swim Shorts/Swimsuit (one piece ... no tankinis or speedos)
- Sweatshirt (hooded)
- T-shirts
- Dark/Camo clothing for night game
- Close-Toed Shoes - for hikes & regular use
- Shoes - to get wet
- Socks - bring extra
- Sandals - for pool and shower times only
- Underclothes
- Hat/Beanie

TOILETRIES

- Towel/Beach Towel
- Soap/Shampoo
- Personal hygiene

MISC

- Bible
- Pen/Paper
- Flashlight (don't forget the batteries)
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Bug Spray
- Wrist Watch
- Camera (again, don't forget the batteries)
- Water bottle
- Decorating supplies for daily cabin clean up themes
- Spending Money for keepsakes and gifts from the gift shop or clothing company, a milkshake & fries at the snack shop, or even an icee from the general store.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor, and must be turned into camp nurse)
- alcohol
- tobacco
- fireworks
- firearms (or weapons of any kind)
- electronic devices ... cell phones, tablets, video game devices, laptops, ... etc.

ADVENTURE CLASSES

AERONAUTICS

Flight. Such a basic thing for birds, and yet something we as humans have spend centuries trying to understand and accomplish. In this class, students will learn the key principles of flight (such as Bernoulli's principle). Then students will put what they have learned into play when they build their own glider and see if they can defeat the arch nemesis of flight: gravity.

ARCHERY

Archery has been used for survival and sport for thousands of years. The Bible even uses the analogy of a skilled archer in comparison to the wisdom of good judgment. In comparison, Proverbs 26:18-19 says, "Like a maniac shooting flaming arrows of death is one who deceives their neighbor and says, 'I was only joking!'" In this class, students will not only learn to aim true and shoot straight, but also to consider the course of their actions and words.

GROUP INITIATIVES

We were created to live in community with others, and point each other to Christ. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" Students will be guided through the unique and fun challenges of Group Initiatives, and will learn that sometimes we need to lean on each other for strength and that trust is important to the Christian life.

LEATHER CRAFT

Leather is a versatile resource and has been used since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. Students will discover the secrets to processing animal hides to make them usable. They will also engage in a craft activity utilizing leather to express their creativity.

NATURAL HABITAT

From the mighty grizzly bear to the tiny shrew, mammals have unique characteristics and roles in the environment. Students will be learning about various native Californian mammals, where they live, what they eat, who eats them, and how God made them to uniquely fit into their habitats.

PHYSICS IN NATURE

Physics, (literally "knowledge of nature" in the Greek), is the study of matter and its motion through space and time as well as the study of related concepts such as energy and force. In this class, we will try to understand some basic physics concepts and how they affect the natural world. Appreciating physics in nature can help us gain a better understanding of why things happen around us and will give us a larger view of the systems that God created to make our world work together.

MEMORY VERSES

PHILOSOPHY

With the understanding of recreation as a tool for bringing students into a living, meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, do not limit the use of these memory verses to winning recreation. Memory verses do earn valuable points, but more importantly, they are to assist you in meeting the spiritual needs of your students.

Each day is designed for you to gauge the spiritual temperature of your campers. Challenge and encourage them to understand how these verses are relevant and are meaningful in their lives.

With the above philosophy in mind, please do not “force feed” your students. If they do not desire to memorize Scripture, they do not have to. Encourage them as much as possible to see and understand the eternal value, not just temporal point value, of memorizing God’s Word.

GUIDELINES

- Any translation may be used.
- Each verse must be stated word perfect in one “sitting”.
- No outside assistance; no helps; or “gimmies.”
- Verses can be recited any day to a counselor.
- Points awarded according to team percentage/average.
- Counselors are both encouraged and expected to participate in memory verses.
- Score sheets must be turned in on Thursday before evening chapel.

MONDAYS MEMORY VERSES

JOHN 1:1-3 (ESV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

TUESDAYS MEMORY VERSES

2 PETER 1:19-20 (ESV)

“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation.”

WEDNESDAYS MEMORY VERSES

JOHN 5:37-38 (ESV)

“And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.”

THURSDAYS MEMORY VERSES

ROMANS 5:7-8 (ESV)

“For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

BONUS THEME PASSAGE

JOHN 14:15-19 (ESV)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”

MONDAY EVENING CHAPEL

MESSAGE 1 - THE TRUTH OF GOD

Message 1: John 1:1-18 | God is truth, therefore He is the source of truth

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)." "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1)." John 1:1 begins by paralleling what we read on page one of our bible; this will set the entire scene for message 1. God's character has been true since the beginning, existing before the foundation of the world (John 17:5;17:24), when He created the world and set everything into motion. There are many attributes that are true about God; He is omniscient, omnipresent, just, merciful, gracious, forgiving, loving, gentle, kind, His attributes go on forever. Although those traits are true of God, those don't lead you to the conclusion that God is truth. In order for students to understand that God is the source of all truth, they need to know that His character is true. He is incapable of error, incapable of contradicting himself, incapable of being anything other than truth. No impurity or untruth can be found in Him. Duet. 18:21-22 says that the people of Israel will know if the prophets' words are their own or from God if they do not come true, because everything that the Lord says will come to pass. Isaiah 45:19 the Lord himself declares that He speaks the truth and declares what is right. John 17:3 Jesus says that God is the only true God, His character is true. 1 John 5:20 says that the Son of God has come so that we may know Him who is true. Revelation 21:5-6, these words are trustworthy and true.

John 1:1 tells us that Jesus was there at the beginning, that He was with God and that He is God, Gen. 1:2; 1:26 affirms this truth. Why is this important? This is important because Jesus didn't just show up on the scene in the New Testament, He always was and always will be. Jesus in His very nature is God (Phil. 2:6-8). Throughout the book of John Jesus will declare time and time again that He has come in the authority of the Father. After Jesus' death and before He ascends into the heavens, He says "all authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matt. 28:18). John 1:14 is an astounding and jaw dropping truth, "the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." Jesus, in His nature God, took on flesh and came to us. And not only that, but He came "full of grace and truth." Jesus is the incarnate God, the personification of the Word. This truth changes everything and is the climax of this message.

Throughout the remainder of the messages, we will track with the person of Jesus as He defines truth. In a world where anything can be accepted as truth, Jesus is the ultimate truth.

SO WHAT?

When students walk out of chapel we want them to understand:

- God always existed
- God is the creator of and source of all truth
- Jesus existed at the beginning with God in full equality with Him

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN TIME

[These are the questions that we will be giving your counselors to help guide their discussion in the cabins. Our hope is that the speaker's message sets the students up to answer/process through these questions]

1. Do you believe that God is the source of absolute truth? Why or why not?
2. Why is it important to understand that Jesus was in the beginning with God, and is equal with Him?

MONDAYS DAILY VERSES

JOHN 1:1-3 (ESV)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made."

TUESDAY MORNING CHAPEL

MESSAGE 2 - TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE

Message 2: John 1:19-51 | Truth of Scripture

We can trust God's word because it is 1) rooted in the character of God. Yesterday we established that God's character is true; if God is true, and if God breathed out the Scripture (2 Tim.3:16), then scripture, being the product of God, must also be true. Just as God is incapable of being anything but the truth, so His word is incapable of being anything other than true. 2) scripture is inerrant and infallible (2 Peter 1:19-21) because it does not come from man or man's own interpretation, 3) scripture is sufficient and never changing (Prov. 30:5-6).

Message three will begin with an overview of John 2 & 3, and pick up at the woman at the well. It will continue to build the anticipation of the Messiah as well as the reliability of the scriptures. Jesus reveals in John 4 that He is the Messiah (John 4: 26). Keep this in mind as you wrap up the message because we would like it to set up for the "I who speak to you am He" moment of Jesus.

SO WHAT?

When students walk out of chapel we want them to understand:

- God's character is true, therefore His words are true
- The bible is the Word of God
- We can take God at His word

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Do you have a hard time trusting people? How does that affect the way you understand scripture?
2. How can we trust the bible? Do you trust the bible?
3. How would your life look different if you lived as though you had full trust in the word of God?

TUESDAYS DAILY VERSES

2 PETER 1:19-20 (ESV)

"And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation."

TUESDAY EVENING CHAPEL

MESSAGE 3 - TRUTH OF JESUS' LIFE & TEACHING

Message 3: John 4 - 6 | Truth of Jesus' life & teaching

Yesterday we saw from the text how there was much anticipation for the Messiah, from the religious leaders to the most common of men (John 1:19-21; 1:45), this is important because as we continue to follow the life of Christ, He continues to fulfill all that is written in the law. Beginning in John 4, we dive into Jesus' life, ministry, and how He fulfills the role of the Prophet in his threefold characteristics of Prophet, Priest and King. In the Old Testament, a prophet was the mouthpiece of God to the people. Jesus, as the final and sufficient Prophet, spoke against sin, urged people to repent, and shared the truth about God's love and forgiveness. Jesus is not just a prophet proclaiming God's truth, He is the fulfillment of OT prophecy (Deut. 18:15-22; Heb. 1:1-2) as the Prophet; He is the one that they have been anticipating. (John 4:14; 7:40; Acts 3:19-27; 7:37). Throughout the remainder of this message, and over the next two days, we will look at different miracles that Jesus performs and claims He makes about Himself, which forces us to answer, "who do I think that Jesus is?"

At the end of each of Jesus' miracles and claims, the people were forced to make a choice about who they thought He was (John 6:60-71). We are forced to make this same choice today; who do you think Jesus is? Do you believe the truths He claims about himself?

SO WHAT?

When students walk out of chapel we want them to understand:

- Jesus is the Prophet prophesied about in the Old Testament
- Jesus comes in the authority of the Father

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN TIME

1. Who do you think that Jesus is? Do you believe the truths that He claims about himself?
2. Are there claims that Jesus makes about Himself that are hard for you to trust and believe? Why?

WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL

MESSAGE 4 - TRUTH OF SIN

Message 4: John 7 - 9 | Truth of Sin

We will use John 8 to springboard into other verses and passages to give us a clear and full picture of the reality of sin. John 7 is not the main text for this message, however please point out that through all the miracles Jesus was performing up to this point (2:1-11; 4:46-54; 5:1-9; 6:1-14; 6:15-21), which reveal His divine nature, and all that He was claiming up to this point (6:35; 8:12; 9:5), which affirms His pre existence and eternal deity, some of the people were beginning to seek to arrest him and desired to see him killed (John 7:1; 30-31), but many believed! This tension continues to rise as Jesus' life and ministry unfold, but it isn't until His appointed time to be crucified that He is killed.

The woman caught in adultery in John 8 gives us insight to the reality of who we are. After Pharisees try to trap Jesus by bringing this woman forward, His response leaves us in awe, and if true, with a serious problem. John 8:7 Jesus says, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." No one could do it, because no person is without sin except Jesus Christ. This is our problem, that no one is without sin. No human could ever make themselves right before a holy God. The remainder of this chapter Jesus claims that He is the light of the world (John 8:12), that His testimony is true (John 8:14-20) and continues to reveal both the truth about sin (John 8:21;24) as well as the father of lies (John 8:39-47). In order to give an accurate picture of sin, please jump to other passages that answer 1) what sin is 2) who is affected by sin (Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8-10; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 5:12)) and 3) the result of sin (Rom 6:23; John 3:36). We live in a culture that has normalized sin, "white lies," "I am only human," etc, and so we need to understand that our sin is not something to be taken lightly. It is our sin that demands payment on the cross, not merely the sins of those who lived during Jesus's lifetime; none of man's wickedness is hidden before God.

John 9:16 The Pharisees are talking about Jesus healing a blind man and then forgiving the man of sin. They ask "how can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" This will help set up the gospel message in the next message in that Jesus came and lived a perfect life; He can forgive sins because He God and is without sin, He is perfect justice.

SO WHAT?

When students walk out of chapel we want them to understand:

- All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- We are dead in our sin, by nature children of wrath
- There is nothing that we can do to make ourselves right before God

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Do you take your sin seriously? In what ways do you downplay how serious your sin is?
2. What do we all deserve because of our sin? Do you think your sin deserves death? Why?

WEDNESDAY DAILY VERSES

JOHN 5:37-38 (ESV)

"And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent."

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHAPEL

MESSAGE 5 - TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL

Message 4: John 12 - 20 | Truth of the Gospel (and the Truth of Jesus' death & resurrection)

Tonight will be the gospel message.

Mentioned often throughout this gospel is that Jesus' hour had not yet come (John 2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 13:1; 17:1) and finally in John 12:23 Jesus declares that His hour has come; this will kick start the series of events that unfold and lead to Jesus' crucifixion, which is important to note because this was God's perfect plan and timing since the beginning (John 10:18).

We will start this message with a brief overview of John 10 and 11 so that we can get caught up to chapter 12.

John 14:1-6 will be one of the main teaching points as we continue to look at the claims that Jesus makes about himself. He claims that HE is the way, truth and life. In this theme about truth, this may be one of the most important claims of Jesus. This is the thing that people wrestle with and view Christians as close minded, exclusive, intolerant, etc. But these aren't our words, they are Jesus' words and what He says is true.

Over the course of the next three chapters (John 18-20), we see Jesus' arrest, death, burial and resurrection, necessary truths in explaining the gospel. Jesus was arrested because He claimed to be God, and in His arrest He uses the name "I AM," which He has been using throughout John to make claims about himself, and that God used with Moses at the burning bush. In John 18:28-40, Jesus is before Pilate. Pilate asks the question that we see used in our theme verse and that we are asking students to answer, "what is truth?"

SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand:

- Through Jesus' death & resurrection, He alone has the power to forgive sins
- Our response to all Jesus has done is repentance from our sin

GOSPEL

Tonight, our desire is the Gospel to be preached clearly: who Jesus is, why He had to come (His love and our sin), what He did (lived a perfect, blameless life; death on the cross; resurrection; ascension) and what that means to each of us. Our speaker will then challenge students to ask themselves if they understand their need for a Savior, and have an opportunity to respond, surrendering their life to Jesus. This message is not just for non-believers but for all of us, everyday. Each of us should stop and grasp that we need to acknowledge what Jesus did for us daily, and allow it to dictate the way we live; we should no longer live for sin but leave our old self and strive to live more like Him.

There is nothing at Hume that we take as seriously as the gospel. Our main reason for existing as a camp is so that students would accept Jesus as their personal Savior and grow in their faith. Our prayer is that tonight's gospel message would be a clear invitation to this relationship with their Creator for the first time. And for those who have already placed their faith and trust in Christ, we want to challenge them as well. We'll encourage them to ask themselves if they are fully surrendered to the Lord, and if they are allowing the truth of the Gospel, and God's Love for us demonstrated through Jesus' death on the cross, to truly impact how they live each day.

Our speaker will initially lead this time, and the students will be given an opportunity to demonstrate some type of physical action to display that a commitment has taken place [raising of hand, standing, walking forward, etc]. We do this for a few reasons: 1) it's not easy for a student to stand in front of their peers and hundreds of other strangers and neither is it easy to be a Christian; 2) it makes you (the administrators, teachers & parents) aware of who made a commitment and who to follow up with; 3) it allows the other students to come alongside and cheer them on, as well as welcome them into this family of faith. Students who make a commitment this night, will be encouraged to stay in the chapel so that they can have time to talk with their counselors helping to clarify what commitment they are making. The other students will be dismissed from the chapel in a discipline of silence. Nothing in camp will be open (no activities or things) for about 20 min after chapel so the students aren't missing out on anything by staying in chapel.

Taking time to prepare your counselors for this night is highly recommended. You can provide them with helpful scriptures that talk about salvation and repentance. The "Romans Road", as it is often referred to, is a great place to start: Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9,10, 8:1, 8:38,39.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CABIN TIME

1. What do we need in order to be saved?
2. If God required a spotless sacrifice, then what made humans insufficient?
3. Is there anything holding you back from placing your faith in Jesus Christ? If so, what?

THURSDAY EVENING CHAPEL

MESSAGE 6 - TRUTH FOR THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

Message 6: John 20:11-21:25, 14 & 15 | Truth for the Life of the Believer

Much is true for the life of the believer, and in this message we will be the conclusion to this theme of truth focused on 1) the promise of and the role of the Holy Spirit and 2) Christ promises we will be hated. We either choose to follow Him and trust His word, or we choose to deny His word and live a life apart from Him.

Throughout these messages, we have been following the life of Christ and focusing on the claims He makes about Himself during His life and ministry, in contrast this message will reflect on the words of Christ during His life. We don't have a physical Jesus walking side by side with us each day, but that does not mean we are left to define our own truth. He gives us His Holy Spirit and His Holy word. In John 20:22 Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples, so we reflect on Jesus' words in John 14:1-6, 15-31; 15:26 - 16:15. Before Jesus ever left he told us how the Holy Spirit is going to work. God's spirit does not work in revealing to us new things outside of scripture, but works through what Jesus has already said. The main elements we want to focus on are 1) that God's spirit works through His word (John 14:26) 2) He illuminates our minds to comprehend and apply God's truth (John 16:13-15; 1 Corinthians 2:13) and 3) He empowers us to live out the Christian life. These truths give us great confidence and joy as we follow and live out our faith.

The second part of this message focuses on the ever increasing hostility of our culture toward Christians. Even in a world of increasing hostility, we do not need to fear because the Holy Spirit is with us. Our world is constantly encouraging us to define our own truth, and so it is vital that we know the truth and are able to articulate the truths of scripture. As Christ followers, the more we speak truth in a world that hates God, we will be hated (John 15:18-25). We will conclude this message in John 17:13-19 as we see Jesus is praying to the Father and He does not ask that we be removed from the world, but protected. We are not to be of this world, but in it. Why? Because this dying world needs Christ followers to live a life of obedience by believing, practicing and proclaiming God's truth.

SO WHAT?

As students walk out of chapel we want them to understand:

- The Holy Spirit works in our lives guiding us in all truth and brings to light the scriptures
- The world will hate us as we claim Jesus Christ as ultimate truth
- We are to be witnesses to a world that is dying

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How does the Holy Spirit work in our lives?
2. Are you afraid to proclaim the truths in scripture? Why or why not?

THURSDAY DAILY VERSES

ROMANS 5:7-8 (ESV)

"For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

FRIDAY'S BONUS PASSAGE

JOHN 14:15-19 (ESV)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."



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