

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2016 CRB Summer Staff. Together we will be working to glorify Christ by serving the campers, serving each other and growing in godliness as the summer progresses.

As we encourage the campers to search for the real life found only in a relationship with Christ, we also need to continue to pursue that life for ourselves. This summer will offer abundant opportunities to grow through reading/meditating on the word, prayer, time alone with God, sharpening time with your covenant group, serving when it is hard/hot/tiring, and living in community with the other staff that will provide opportunity to work through conflict.

Our prayer as the full time staff & leadership staff is that you would “mine all the experiences” you are given by the Lord this summer to allow Him to transform you more into His likeness and prepare you for continuing to fulfill His great commission as you leave here.

We want you to daily work on these devotions. That you give yourself to prayer... that you ask questions as you have them...that you eagerly anticipate what the Lord is going to do in & through you this summer.

We are excited to serve alongside you!

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## Staff Training: Monday

This summer we are going to travel with the early church through the books of Ephesians & Colossians. For some history, we will, on the weekends & during this first week, read some of the book of Acts and take some short tours through some of the other Epistles. All in all, we will cover a lot of New Testament ground in the next 9 weeks!

**Read Luke 24:36-53 & Acts 1: 1-11 & 2: 1-4, 36-47**

What stands out to you as interesting?

Why do you think Luke is so specific as he explains the evidence of Christ rising from the dead?

Based on what you know about Peter, what is significant about his new role in these chapters?  
(check out Luke 22 for some background)

Why do you think God chose the initial giving of the Holy Spirit to be so dramatic?

Summarize Peter's message?

How is it similar to our message here?

How does the end of chapter 2 compare to your church or our body here this summer?

## Staff Training: Tuesday

**Read Acts chapter 3:1-10 & 4: 1-14, 32-37**

What strikes you from the encounter between the beggar and Peter & John?

How do you feel when approached by a beggar/the poor/obviously needy?

How does this situation give Peter & John another opportunity to speak to the crowd?

When have you capitalized or leveraged an ordinary situation and turned it into an opportunity to share about Christ?

Why do you think that Luke points out that the leaders in the Sanhedrin saw Peter & John as 'ordinary' and 'unschooled'? How does that encourage you?

What is the most difficult situation you have faced as a result of your faith?

How often do you see new believers added to your church?

When you see the example at the end of chapter 4 of the life of the early church, how do you see this reflected in today's church (yours or another's)?

*As you begin the summer, what scares you?*

## Staff Training: Wednesday

**Read Acts chapters 6:8-15, 7: 51-8:1**

We skipped the portions of these chapters where Stephen recounts the history of the Israelites. How God continually reached out to them and they rejected Him over and over again.

What do we know about Stephen's character from the passage and the things that he says?

How do you think Stephen was able to speak so fearlessly?

In hindsight we can see how God used Stephen's death to scatter the believers and spread the message. How do you think those new believers in Jerusalem felt about his death? What would they have struggled with?

Spend some time praying and asking the Lord for a fearless and accurate message as you serve here this summer and are scattered in the fall....

## **Staff Training: Thursday**

**Read Acts chapters 8: 26-40 and 9:1-19**

Based on the story about Philip- describe what you think the Holy Spirit is like:

How did He lead Phillip, Saul & Ananias?

How does the Holy Spirit lead us ? How do we hear His voice?

Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit nudge you to talk to someone? Describe what happened:

Can you describe your conversion experience; or if you were too young- can you describe how the Lord is active in your life today?

Saul receives help from an older (in the faith) believer- who has helped you along the way?

Who can you help along in their faith?

## Staff Training: Friday

### Read Acts chapter 10

What main point do you think God is making in this chapter?

What makes Cornelius such a cool guy?

How does Peter's treatment of the messenger show that he was taking in the vision he received from God?

How have you seen that God does not show favoritism?

How is favoritism shown in the Christian groups you are involved with? (church, youth group, bible study, etc...)

Ask God in prayer to show you areas where you show favoritism to others.

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Look back over this week's pages. What applications do you feel compelled to make? What do you think God wants to change in your life?

## Staff Training: Saturday

### Read Acts chapter 12: 1-11

Peter is rescued and James is killed. These had to be hard times for the early believers. Let's read a few verses from the book that James left us even though his time was short as an apostle.

Read each verse and write out what you think James is telling us to remember:

James 1:2-3

James 1:19-20

James 2:14-17

James 3:8-10

James 4:4-5

James 5:13-18

The entire book of James is filled with topics very practical to living life as a follower of Jesus. Of the above, where do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to change?

## Staff Training: Sunday

Read Acts chapter 18:24-28 & Acts 19

Basically the rest of the books of Acts tells us the story of the gospel (the good news) being taken from city to city. Churches were started, people were discipled and the message spread. Most of the books in the New Testament are actually letters written to the churches in various cities. We are going to start reading through the book of Ephesians. You just read about Paul's experiences in the city of Ephesus.

How long does Paul stay in Ephesus teaching?

Why do you think he stays so long?

Based on your experience, from reading and watching those around you- what does it look like to disciple someone? What is the path like? How long does it take?

Why do you think us becoming disciples is such a long process?

Be encouraged as you serve, real change (in us as well as the campers) takes a long time. But God is patient with us and wants us to be patient with those He gives us to walk alongside.

As you read in the coming weeks in Ephesians, think about Paul- being a real person, writing this letter!

## Week 1: Monday

Read Ephesians 1:1-6

- Verse 3 says that we have been blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. What does that mean for us as Christians?
  - What are some of the blessings you receive? V3-14.
  
- How does being chosen and predestined for adoption affect how you view being a child of God?
  - Why has God chosen you according to verse 6?

*What are you asking the Lord for specifically this week?*

## Week 1: Tuesday

### Read Ephesians 1:7-14

- Read v7 and compare it to Colossians 1:13-14 how does Colossians help you understand what Christ has done?
  - What mystery of God's will is made known to us? V9
- How are "all things united in Him"? v10, also see Colossians 1:16-17, Mark 1:15 and Philippians 2:10.
  - Why is unity important? How do you experience unity in Christ?
- How does being united as a staff under God, help you get through the tough days/situations that confront you at camp?
- How does knowing that you are sealed with the Holy Spirit affect your view of where you stand before God and how you serve Him?
- We are redeemed through His grace. Redemption can mean rescued or to pay a ransom for. What things have you personally been rescued from?

## Week 1: Wednesday

### Read Ephesians 1:15-23

- Paul is thankful for the Ephesians faith in Christ and for their love for the saints. How are these two things connected? How do they enhance each other?
  - What does Paul pray for the Ephesians to be given in verse 17?
    - Write verses 16-20 in your own words.
  
- Verses 22-23 say that Christ was given to the church/the body as head over all things to fill all things. How do Christians experience this?
  
- Are there any Christians that you know that you could pray these things for as Paul does?

## **Week 1: Thursday**

### **Read Ephesians chapter 1 (all)**

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- Give this chapter a title in your own words.
  
- What are some key points of the chapter?
  
  
- What have you learned about God from this chapter?
  
  
  
- What is one idea that you can take from this chapter and use in your every day life?
  
  
  
- What are some things you can pray about growing in personally or for others that you have learned from studying this chapter?

## Week 1: Friday

### Read Ephesians 2:1-3

- What does it mean to be dead in your sins?
  
- Would your opinion of “worldly” living change if you called it “following the Devil” as in v2? Do you think this fact is largely ignored in Christian circles?
  - Who are the sons of disobedience?
  
- Write about a time that you remember being controlled by the passions of the flesh and then write a time when God’s work in you helped you control the flesh. What made the difference?
  
  
- What does this passage say to the phrase, “mankind is ultimately good, but has been corrupted”.

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Look back over this week’s pages. What applications do you feel compelled to make? What do you think God wants to change in your life?

## Week 1: Saturday

### Read Ephesians 2:4-10

- Write vs. 4-5 in your own words.
  
- Why has Christ made us alive with Him?
  
- Vs 8-9 tell us that we are saved by grace not by works of our own. In what other times (other than when you were saved) has God shown His grace and love to you just because He is God and not based on your own merit?
  - Is our work for God worthless?
  
- Is there good work that God has prepared for you that you have been neglecting or avoiding?
  
- Does God help you do the things He has prepared for you to do? Colossians 1:10-11
  - How are we supposed to serve Him? Ps 100:1-5





## **Week 2: Tuesday**

### **Read Ephesians chapter 2 (all)**

- Give this chapter a title in your own words.
  
- What are some key points of the chapter?
  
  
- What have you learned about God from this chapter?
  
  
  
- What is one idea that you can take from this chapter and use in your every day life?
  
  
  
- What are some things you can pray about growing in personally or for others that you have learned from studying this chapter?

## **Week 2: Wednesday**

**Read Ephesians 3:1-6**

- Why is Paul in prison? Acts 22:22-30 and if you want, Acts 23 for more of the story.
  - What mystery was made known to Paul? V2-3 and 6, story in Acts 22:1-21.
- Read Romans 11:11-24 what is the appropriate response for the Gentile to the mystery that has been revealed?
  - Has God abandoned the Jewish people?

## Week 2: Thursday

### Read Ephesians 3:7-13

- Paul was given God's grace and power to minister to the Gentiles. Are modern-day Christians given any of these things to help us witness for Him?
  - Paul says he is the least of all the saints. What about his testimony helps us understand why he felt this way?
    - Have you ever felt inadequate to do something for the Lord?

Why do you think he uses us frail people to accomplish His plans?

What changed between the Old & New Testament that we can now boldly approach God?

- What does Paul mean when he says he is suffering for the Ephesians glory? V13.
- Can you remember a time when you suffered for the good (especially spiritual good) of another person?

*Where have you been incompetent this week and needed to cry out to the Lord for help?*

## Week 2: Saturday

**Read Ephesians 3:14-21**

What kinds of things is Paul praying for them?

- Write Paul's prayer in vs 14-21 in your own words.

- If you were an Ephesian Christian how would reading this prayer influence you?

Verse 19 talks about knowing Christ's love for us. In the NLT it says "that your roots grow deep into His love". How does this happen in us? (I think it does not happen by accident!)

- Write your own prayer for someone you would want God to help in the same way.

## **Week 2: Saturday**

### **Read Ephesians chapter 3 (all)**

- Give this chapter a title in your own words.
  
- What are some key points of the chapter?
  
  
- What have you learned about God from this chapter?
  
  
  
- What is one idea that you can take from this chapter and use in your every day life?
  
  
  
- What are some things you can pray about growing in personally or for others that you have learned from studying this chapter?

## **Week 2: Sunday**

### **Read Acts chapter 15**

How is this dispute a good example of resolving conflict for us?

What was the conflict they were facing?

Does it really seem like it was the backdoor to intimacy?

What are the three “rules” that the council wants the Gentiles to follow?

Explain why these 3 rules- in your opinion:

In order to be able to recognize errors in what you are being taught- what do you need to know?

How can you determine, when you believe someone has spoken incorrectly about the bible, when you should confront or when it is not a big deal?



## Week 3: Tuesday

### Read Ephesians 4:7-16

- Who are the captives in v8? Also read Psalm 68:18.
  - Albert Barns' Notes on the Bible explains, "It is language derived from a conqueror who not only makes captives but who makes captives of those who were then prisoners, and who conducts them as a part of his triumphal procession. He not only subdues his enemy but he leads his captives in triumph."
    - - Is verse 9 saying that Christ went to hell?
- What is the role of the leaders of the church?
- What is the role of the saints (or general people) of the church?
- Write v14-15 in your own words.

How does having "truth speakers" in your life help you to accomplish verse 15? Who are these people for you?

## Week 3: Wednesday

Read Ephesians 4:17-24

- Describe a modern day person from vs17-19.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How has God helped you put off your old self since you have been saved?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How do you become renewed in the spirit of your mind? Why is this essential?

How do you see yourself “created to be like God”?

- What about you today is a result of the Holy Spirit in you? How can you share this with others?

*What are you praying for specifically this week?*

## Week 3: Thursday

### Read Ephesians 4:25-32

- Why is it so important to put off lying and speak truth to each other? (especially with other believers)

- Why does letting anger settle inside you give the Devil an opportunity?

How do you think this happens?

- Write v29 in your own words. How would this help unity among the staff this summer?

- How does it affect you to know the Holy Spirit can be grieved by you?

- Make a list from vs31-32
      - o Things to put away/ Things to put on

## Week 3: Friday

### Read Ephesians chapter 4 (all)

- Give this chapter a title in your own words.
  
- What are some key points of the chapter?
  
- What have you learned about God from this chapter?
  
- What is one idea that you can take from this chapter and use in your every day life?
  
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- What are some things you can pray about growing in personally or for others that you have learned from studying this chapter?

*Look back over this past week- what are you learning?*



## Week 3: Sunday

**Read Ephesians 5:9-21**

- What are some things that are pleasing to the Lord? How do you know this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- V11 is 2 parts, which part is hardest for you- to not participate or expose the darkness? Why?
  - What happens when darkness and shamefulness is exposed to light?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- List 3 things this passage mentions about what a person who walks in the light is like.
  - Why should we submit to one another? What does this mean?

## Week 4: Monday

### Read Ephesians 5:21-33

- Are all Christians told to submit to each other?

One time a friend defined “submit” like this- when I decide to give someone authority over me.

- What makes the submission of the wife to the husband different from general submission between all believers?
  - How does/should the church submit to Christ?
- How does the model of husband and wife help you understand the roles of Christ and the church or vice versa? Or does it make it more confusing?
  - Write in your own words what Christ did for the church:
- How does a husband’s love or lack of love for his wife reflect what he thinks of God?
- How can an unloving husband or an disrespectful wife reflect the wrong message about God’s relationship with the church?
- Why are lasting marriages and church relationships so rare? What is special about the ones that endure over time?

*What are you most proud of as you hit the half way mark!*



## Week 4: Wednesday

### Read Ephesians 6:1-9

- What is the promise that goes with the commandment in v1? What does this mean in your own words?
  - Read Genesis 18:19, Joshua 4:1-7, Deuteronomy 11:19. Why is this teaching of children by parents so important to God?
    - What happened when the Israelites ignored the responsibility to teach their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord?
- Have you ever experienced being taught those things? Take time to thank God for the people that invested in you.
  - How can v5-7 be applied to your life now at work or school?
- What is the motivation for obeying your earthly “masters”/bosses/teachers with a sincere heart?
- How should a leaders’ view of God influence the way he or she treats those under him/her?
- How can following these instructions help you be a witness at work/school/camp?



## Week 4: Friday

### Read Ephesians 6:18-24

- What is Paul asking the Ephesians to do in v18-20?
  
- Have you ever felt that you needed courage from God to speak out for Him? What happened?
  
- Paul's continual prayers for others while in jail (and worse) are amazing. How can we learn to focus on the needs of others even as we experience hard circumstances?
  - How did Christ show this amazing virtue while He was here on earth?
  
- o **Challenge:** pick one of the hardest times in your day at camp and commit to praying a quick silent prayer for someone else during that time for a whole week.

## Week 4: Saturday

### Read Ephesians chapter 6 (all)

- Give this chapter a title in your own words.
  
- What are some key points of the chapter?
  
- What have you learned about God from this chapter?
  
  
- What is one idea that you can take from this chapter and use in your every day life?
  
  
- What are some things you can pray about growing in personally or for others that you have learned from studying this chapter?

*Has there been an area of sin the Lord has exposed in you this summer? Who can you share this with?*

## Week 4: Sunday

**Read Acts chapter 20:17-38**

From these verses, how would you describe Paul to someone?

Do you see in front of you the task God has given you to complete?

How focused are you on the importance of completing that task?

Hopefully you are all involved in church and in a youth group or small group of believers.

What does the flock need protecting from?

How can you help be a shepherd to the flock God has you in?

Do you work hard? Do you value hard work? What has shaped you in this area?

As we leave our study of the book of Ephesians, I think it is good to re-read the words of Acts 20: 32: "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Let the words we read this summer sanctify you.

## Week 5: Monday

### Read Colossians 1:1-14

- To whom is this book written?
  
- What motivation did the church at Colosse have that influenced their faith and love?
  
- Why might the believers in Colossae need prayers for strength, endurance and patience?
  
- What does it look like to have patience AND joy? Is this a uniquely Christian ability?
  
- List the things Paul mentions in this passage that God has done for you/Christians. What does he say our response should be?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Do you ever have difficulty understanding/grasping the reality of v13? What can you do to help make v13 more real/impacting?



## Week 5: Wednesday

**Read Colossians 1:24-2:5**

- What was Paul's suffering doing for the believers in Colossae?
  
- Have you as a believer been given any stewardship by God? If so describe.
  
- V28 says that Paul warned and taught in order to present everyone mature in Christ. What was he warning people about?
  
- What treasures and riches does this passage talk about? What is it like to be rich the way this passage says?

## Week 5: Thursday

**Read Colossians 2:6-23**

- How does someone become/stay rooted in Christ?
- How does knowing v9 help the believer when confronted by elements in v8?
  - Write v11-14 in your own words.
- What were some of the problems in the churches mentioned in v16-23?
  - Do you see these or some of these problems in modern day churches?
- Reminder: if you participated in the challenge from wk4 Friday, how did it influence/not influence you? Did God show you anything during that time?

## Week 5: Friday

### Read Colossians 3:1-11

- How can you do what Paul says in v1-2?
- What is the reason you do them (v3-4)?
- Pick one thing from v5-9 that you personally need to put to death in your life.
  - How does v10-11 encourage you to do the work in question 3?
- Can you think of an example from your life or someone you know that God gave new life to after a period of struggling?

*Look back over your answers from the past week- how do you see yourself growing?*



## Week 5: Sunday

**Read Colossians 3:18-4:1**

- Verses 18-23 give Christians commands for everyday living. What is the motivation for each command? V23-25.
  
- Is there a relationship you have with another believer here at camp that needs mending?
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  - Would allowing this relationship to remain the way it is serve the Lord?
    - Do you need to do something?
  
- How can modern day believers apply Colossians 4:1 to their lives?
  
- Have you ever experienced (or watched someone experience) working through a hard place in a relationship in order to do what was right in God's eyes? How did this influence you?

## Week 6: Monday

### Read Colossians 4:2-18

- Write verse 2 in your own words.
  
- Have you ever done this?
  
- What does it mean to act wisely with outsiders? V5
  
- Based on what we have learned is there any circumstance that your Christianity should go un-noticed by others?

What do you think verse 6 means?

Paul ends this letter with long list about the people he has known and served with. You have a list of people you are serving with right now. Think through how you have been encouraged by those on your team and in your covenant group- write out something about each person and be prepared to share during Covenant group.

## Week 6: Tuesday

Read the book of Philemon

Yesterday we thought through all of the people we are serving alongside and how they have encouraged us. Today we are going to think through conflict. Perhaps there is someone on staff (or more than one) that you have an unresolved conflict with. You thought you would just forget about it, but it has sat under your skin these weeks and caused distance and perhaps dislike.

Has the Lord brought anyone or a situation to mind?

What is the situation here that Paul writes to Philemon about?

Why do you think Paul includes all the other people in verse 2, bringing them into the conflict?

Paul boldly asks that Philemon treat Onesimus the way that he would treat Paul. Sometime this week, your covenant group leader is going to ask you about any conflict that remains unresolved. They are going to boldly ask you to resolve the conflict. Pray about resolving it before they come to you!

The gospel should radically change the way that we relate to each other- especially those different from us. Having this slave owner and former slave at the same table would be a huge witness to God's power. The same is true as you work through conflict around you.

## Week 6: Wednesday

Read Colossians 4:6

What did you think this verse means?

I think that part of what this means is that we should each be able to share why Jesus has changed us. Have you thought through your own story of salvation and how God is currently at work in your life so that you are able to share effectively with someone about Christ?

Find someone and trade stories sometime this weekend- I double dog dare you! Work to include the gospel elements in your own story...

Some things to think through:

When you realized that sin did separate you from God (even if you were saved as a child, there came a point when you realized deeply that you had a struggle with sin)...

How did you come to understand Christ's death & resurrection and what it did for you personally...

What it means to you today to have the Holy Spirit reside in you and guide you...

*Where do you need the Lord's help this week- what are you struggling with?*

## Week 6: Thursday

Today is going to be a praying day 😊

Yesterday we saw that we are called to know how to answer someone graciously about the hope we have through Jesus.

Who are some people (unbelievers) you can begin to pray that God would give you opportunity to share (list them here):

Spend some time praying for each of the people you listed.

## Week 6: Friday

I know it's Friday ☺ but we are going to switch gears and begin our last book for the summer.

We are going to read 2 Timothy because it's my favorite. Really I love all the 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter... you get the idea. I love them because they are like final thoughts. Most important thoughts. Things we want to pass onto people. Turning 50 last summer made me start to think some of these kinds of thoughts and I've been writing them down. Certainly not as eloquently as Paul, but it's been fun to compile them.

Enjoy Paul's "most importants"!

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-8

What kinds of things does Paul say that lead you to believe he loves Timothy and is invested in him? (see also 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 18)

Are there people in your life that have loved and prayed for you as Paul has for Timothy? Who are they?

Paul tells us that Timothy's mom & grandmother both influenced his faith. But there is no mention of a father. Paul, it seems, steps into that role in many ways. Interesting to think about those who came before us who walked faithfully with the Lord and passed faith onto us. Also cool to dwell on the thought that we will pass our faith onto others. Are you developing a faith that you are proud to pass down? How does that happen?

Why do you think God specifically gives us power, love and self-discipline?

Look back over this week's pages. What applications do you feel compelled to make? What do you think God wants to change in your life?

## Week 6: Saturday

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-18

Paul invites Timothy to join him in suffering for the gospel. What would compel Timothy to join the suffering?

In verse 9, Paul tells us that we are called to a holy life. What do you think this looks like in real life? What is a holy life? What are the pieces?

Verses 10-11 talk about 'the gospel'- what do you think makes up the gospel?

Explain verse 12 in your own words:

In verses 13- 14 Paul tells Timothy to guard what has been deposited in him. To keep his teaching sound. What does he mean here?

Why do you think Paul includes the names of those who have deserted him as well as those who have encouraged him?

## Week 6: Sunday

Read 2 Timothy 2: 1-13

What kinds of things does Paul tell Timothy to focus on in these verses:  
I found about 6 things- maybe you will find more!

How do each of Paul's "object lessons" give insight into how Timothy should be living?

The soldier:

The athlete:

The farmer:

Why does Paul say that he endures what he does?

Reflect back on the summer- what kinds of things would you say that you have endured?

What has motivated you to continue enduring?

## Week 7: Monday

Read 2 Timothy 2: 14-21

Verse 15 gives a couple qualities of the one approved by God. Explain what they mean to you:

A workman not ashamed:

A workman who correctly handles the word of truth:

Do you know what gangrene is? It is a death of the tissue in a part of the body cause by insufficient blood supply. If untreated it spreads to other parts of the body and can lead to death. Paul sites some people who have not maintained sound doctrine (from chapter 1) and whose teaching he likens to gangrene! Bringing death instead of life! When we don't stay connected to the Holy Spirit and the body of Christ (church) in a healthy way (we've talked about healthy this summer, eh?), we don't have fresh blood surging through us. Our teaching and influence to others may bring more death than it does life.

Sobering thoughts.

I cannot help but connect verse 19 and 21. As I turn from wickedness and ignoble (not noble) purposes in my life, I become a useful instrument to the Lord. What are some parts of your life that are ignoble and need to be removed? (pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you)

*What scares you as you begin to transition from camp back to your "normal" life?*

## Week 7: Tuesday

Read 2 Timothy 2: 22-26

List out the things Paul tells Timothy to be about:

In verse 22 he tells Timothy to pursue righteousness himself as well as with others.

How are you pursuing righteousness now in your life?

How are you involving others in your life to pursue righteousness together? (this is not just about being friends and hanging together- it is a purposeful plan to grow more godly)

From the list you made above- what qualities stand out to you and why?

Are you gentle with people?

Why do you think Paul encourages Timothy to be gentle as he corrects people's faults?

## Week 7: Wednesday

Read 2 Timothy 3: 1-9

What are some of the things that will mark the “last days”: (the list is long!)

Do you see any similarities between this list and our world today?

Why should we be on the lookout for signs of the last days? How should it impact our living day to day?

Jannes and Jambres the Egyptian magicians that opposed Moses in Exodus 7:10-13. In your life, have you seen anyone oppose the truth?

## Week 7: Thursday

Read 2 Timothy 3: 10-17

Why do you think Paul reminds Timothy that Timothy really knows him. Knows how he lived and how he conducted himself?

How does this help Timothy to continue in what he has learned?

What does it mean that the scripture is 'God-breathed'?

According to verse 17, what is the ultimate purpose of the scriptures?

Explain the 4 qualities of scripture in your own words:

## Week 7: Friday

Read 2 Timothy 4: 1-22

In verse 1-5, what is the overall charge Paul is giving to Timothy:

Just from what you have learned about Paul, how has he 'fought the good fight', 'kept the faith' and 'finished the race'? Think back through Ephesians, Colossians and the parts of Acts that we have read as well as 2 Timothy.

Does this encourage you? How?

Again Paul tells us in verse 16 how he has been deserted by most everyone. But the Lord has stood at his side. How have you felt the Lord stand by your side?

Who have been the people that stand with you?

Who do you stand with?

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Look back over this week's pages. What applications do you feel compelled to make? What do you think God wants to change in your life?

## Week 7: Saturday

When we read Ephesians, at the end of each chapter you read the whole chapter and thought about what stood out to you and the main points. Today we are going to take a tour of my favorite verses in the 4 chapters of 2 Timothy. Tomorrow you will write out and reflect on some of yours! Remember as you read, this is a letter from Paul to someone he loves dearly.

Perhaps his last words to his son in the faith, Timothy. Be moved.

1: 4-5 "I long to see you..." "I have been reminded of your sincere faith..."

1: 8-9 ""do not be ashamed, but join with me in suffering for the gospel..."

2:1-7 "be strong... entrust to reliable men...endure hardship...reflect on what I am saying..."

2:10 "I endure everything for the sake of..."

2:15-16 "do your best..." "avoid godless chatter..."

2:24-25 "he must be kind to everyone, able to teach...gently instruct..."

3:12 "everyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted"

3:14 "continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it..."

4:1-5 "I give you this charge: preach the word...keep your head in all situations...discharge the duties of your ministry"

4:7-8 "I have fought...I have finished...I have kept..."

4:17 "But the Lord stood at my side..."

4:19 "Greet Priscilla and Aquila..." (they were Paul's mentors, see Acts 18)

Like Timothy, I have not had a "father" in the faith ever. I hope to one day get to thank Paul in person for his encouragement to me!

## **Week 7: Sunday**

Read through the whole book of 2 Timothy.

From each chapter, what will you remember? What are words you want to live by?

Chapter 1:

Chapter 2:

Chapter 3:

Chapter 4

## Week 8: Monday

Ahh, our final week together. We are going to spend the week reviewing what we've learned. So that hopefully we will take home some truth deeply imbedded in us that we can live out of.

Read Ephesians chapters 1-2

Write out your thoughts, what is the Holy Spirit saying to you in these words?

*As you begin this final week- what do you think it will take to finish well?*

## **Week 8: Tuesday**

Read Ephesians chapters 3-4

Write out your thoughts, what is the Holy Spirit saying to you in these words?

## **Week 8: Wednesday**

Read Ephesians chapters 5-6

Write out your thoughts, what is the Holy Spirit saying to you in these words?

## Week 8: Thursday

Read Colossians chapters 1-2

Write out your thoughts, what is the Holy Spirit saying to you in these words?

*As you look back over the summer, what are you proud of?*

## Week 8: Friday

Read Colossians chapters 3-4

Write out your thoughts, what is the Holy Spirit saying to you in these words?

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## **Week 8: Saturday**

### **Homecoming thoughts**

- Many staff members talk about how hard it is to keep having regular time with God once the summer is over and, “real life” begins again. Have you experienced or anticipate experiencing this spiritual slump?
  - Why do you think this happens to you?
  
- What have you learned from studying this summer that can help you prepare to fight off the slump?

## Week 8: Sunday

- The reality is that nothing will happen without a plan. You will go home and if you have not thought through how you are going to continue growing, you won't. It's that simple. Make a plan if you want to grow. Don't kid yourself.
- Make a list of at least 3 things you are going to do to make time with God your #1 priority at home/college.

Challenge: Get an accountability partner. Pick someone here at camp who will commit to keeping in touch with you (and you with them) throughout the next school year to help you stay on track with God. Below, write the persons name and how you both plan on staying in touch.

## Closing Thoughts

Our prayer for you as you leave this place is that you would continue to pursue Him. He is the only life that satisfies, the only real answer, the only real source of joy & peace. Stay close to Him, continue to read the word daily, spend time in prayer, hide His words in your heart through memorization and find your part of the great commission and do it.

Don't be a sluggard this year. Grow 😊