**Week 1 - Prayer**

**LIFE/INTRO QUESTIONS (CHOOSE 1 OR 2)**

* How was your Christmas/New Year’s break?
* Did you do anything new?
* Did your relationship with God grow or get put on pause?

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

* Has there ever been a time in your life when you were put on the spot to pray? What did you do? Was it simply to pray for the food at Christmas? Or was it something a little more intense like praying for healing or for a miracle from God? Were you nervous?

**Sermon in a Sentence**

* Prayer is a relationship, not just a religious activity

**Church Value**

* We Put God First

**SCRIPTURE**

* Matthew 6:5-13

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **6**But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **7**And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. **8**Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**9**“This, then, is how you should pray:

“‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
**10**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
**11**Give us today our daily bread.  
**12**And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
**13**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

* What is Jesus saying in this scripture?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

* When you pray, what are some ways that you can recognize God?
* What are some things that God has provided for you? Have you thanked Him for those things?
* How often have you felt like God was telling you to do something but you never took action?

**LIFE APPLICATION**

We want students walking away with 1 or 2 things they are going to do SOON to apply what they discussed.

* What steps can you take this week to grow in prayer?
* How can you recognize God more?
* How can you thank Him more?
* How can you take action more?

**TAKE IT OUT**

* Close small group out with prayer requests.
* After prayer, remind them of THE WEEKEND and any upcoming group events!

Week 2 – The Word

**LIFE/INTRO QUESTIONS (CHOOSE 1 OR 2)**

* How have you grown in your prayer life this past week?
* Did you pray for somebody else this week?

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

* If you’re being honest, how often do you actually read the Bible? That could be doing a devotion, listening to the audio Bible, or actually sitting down and reading it word by word. Can you tell a difference in your life when you read more regularly than when you don’t?

**Sermon in a Sentence**

* Jesus is the word made flesh

**Church Value**

* We Elevate Those Around Us

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 4:13-20

**13**Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? **14**The farmer sows the word. **15**Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. **16**Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. **17**But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **18**Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; **19**but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. **20**Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

* What is Jesus saying in this scripture?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

* Which one do you relate too? The seed on the path, rocks, thorns, or good soil?
* What is our seed and how do we make sure we sow/use it well?
* What does it mean when it says seed sown on good soil can produce thirty, sixty, or a hundred times what was sown?

**LIFE APPLICATION**

We want students walking away with 1 or 2 things they are going to do SOON to apply what they discussed.

* What steps can you take this week to be in the word more?
* Star a devotional by downloading the Bible app.
* Set times during the week that you will read the word and then message your group about what you learned from it.

**TAKE IT OUT**

* Close small group out with prayer requests.
* After prayer, remind them of THE WEEKEND and any upcoming group events!

Week 3 – Breaking of Bread

**LIFE/INTRO QUESTIONS (CHOOSE 1 OR 2)**

* Have you read the word more this past week?
* How has it made you feel?

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

* How many of you when you have dinner at night actually sit down at a dinner table with your family and talk about the day while you’re eating all together? If you don’t do this, is this something you wish happened? Why or why not?

**Sermon in a Sentence**

* Jesus is the bread of life

**Church Value**

* We Serve Others

**SCRIPTURE**

John 6:26-59

* What is Jesus saying in this scripture?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

* Have you ever thought something was God but realized it wasn’t?
* How does God demonstrate real love?
* Why do we say, “Real people, real problems, real love”?
* What do you think your God given purpose is?

**LIFE APPLICATION**

We want students walking away with 1 or 2 things they are going to do SOON to apply what they discussed.

* How can I depend on Jesus when I come face to face with the things I struggle with? How do I make Him the bread of my life?
* Take practical steps to realize your purpose and potential.
* Am I willing to be broken in order to be made whole?

**TAKE IT OUT**

* Close small group out with prayer requests.
* After prayer, remind them of THE WEEKEND and any upcoming group events!

Week 4 – Fellowship

**LIFE/INTRO QUESTIONS (CHOOSE 1 OR 2)**

* How did you depend on Jesus this past week?
* Were you broke at any point in order to be made whole? Friendships? Family?

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

* How many close friends do you have in your life right now? People that you say you talk to almost every single day. Are they good people or are they bad influences?

**Sermon in a Sentence**

* Fellowship brings Joy

**Church Value**

* We Grow Together

**SCRIPTURE**

1 John 1:3

**3**We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4**We write this to make our joy complete.

* What is Jesus saying in this scripture?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

* Have you ever felt like you were all alone and had no one you could depend on?
* How important is small group to you?
* Do you think you could grow more on your own or together with other people?

**LIFE APPLICATION**

We want students walking away with 1 or 2 things they are going to do SOON to apply what they discussed.

* How can I help people far from God that don’t have community and feel lost?
* How can I help myself find greater community?
* Meet with your small group outside of Wednesday night.
* Start or join a move group at your school.

**TAKE IT OUT**

* Close small group out with prayer requests.
* After prayer, remind them of THE WEEKEND and any upcoming group events!