**Week 1 - It Matters**

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

* If willing to answer, honestly, how much time do you spend on your phone every day?
* Do you ever feel like you gotta fake it until you make it or that you have something to prove?

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

* Have you ever been somewhere incredible or doing something you know will be in your memories forever, but the people you’re with are more concerned about social media or their phone? Are you ever that person? Explain that time.

**Sermon in a Sentence**

* Real-life matters more than your Highlight Reel.

**SCRIPTURE**

* **Ephesians 5:15-16** - “Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”
* What is Jesus saying in this scripture?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

* How often do you find yourself more concerned with how you’re perceived rather than focusing on who you are? Explain.
* How often do you post on any social media platform in order to make it seem as your life is as put together as your pictures say?
* With the mindset of the holidays coming up, how often have you let them slip by because you were more focused on the festivities rather than on Jesus?

**LIFE APPLICATION**

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

* The bible does not gloss over our imperfections like social media does. How can you fix your eyes on Jesus and the redeeming power he has this week? Similarly, how can you help someone else see Jesus’ love so they feel as though they do not need to be perfect in order to receive His love?

**TAKE IT OUT**

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