



STUDENTministries

Weekly Up2Date

10/22/18

Last Weekend:

Junior High & Senior High: This week, we looked at the cross and why Jesus had to die. The questions allowed the teens to think through sin, how it impacts them and the world around them, and what forgiveness means to them.

This Weekend:

Junior High & Senior High: Week 4 of Alpha addresses the topic of faith and asks the question - How Can We Have Faith?

Prayer:

Praise: What a wonderful weekend as God showed up, and we were challenged on what it looks like to make room for and to walk in the Holy Spirit.

Request: Please pray for this week's Alpha session on faith. It challenges the teens to think about where they are in regards to their relationship with Christ, and gives an opportunity for teens to ask Christ into their lives.

STTA (Something To Think About):

"Power must be released to be made effective." — A.W. Tozer

Resources:

Teaching Kids About the Surety of Troubles: "Come and follow Jesus. . . and everything will fall into place.' Count me in as someone who has heard, believed, and sought after that reality over the course of my life. In many respects these words are true when understood in the context of what we wait for with eager expectation. But I came to expect this to be the case in an immediate sense that would be realized in a trouble-free life." In this article, Walt Mueller takes from Charles Spurgeon's teaching on the reasons we are allowed to face troubles. Thankfully God's Word leaves us with hope and encouragement even in times of trouble — a lesson we can pass on to our kids. The full article can be found [HERE](#).

October's Parent Page: In *Feelings vs. Commitment*, Walt Mueller discusses the cultural shift where "feelings have become something that we act on, rather than something that we should manage or even distrust." He discusses the dangers and ways to fight against it. Also, checkout the article on Fortnite Coaches (yes I am serious), gender dysphoria, and a helpful resource called, *Child Proof: Parenting By Faith not Formula*. These articles and more in October's Parent Page attached to your email.

Weekly Music Video: "When things aren't black and white, I'll trust in who You are...Your ways are higher." Do you find yourself needing a reminder of Who is in control? This song is a great reminder that God's ways are higher than our own. Let the words be a source of reassurance for you today. Check out the full song, *Higher*, by For All Seasons on our [Facebook](#) page. (*The purpose of WMMVs is to expose teens and parents to some artists they may not be familiar with, offer a music option that teens would listen to with a positive message, and use as a resource to start discussions at home.*)

Opportunities:

Food Sign-ups: We are still **4 SLOTS** away to filling our snack schedule for Reality 139 (our Sunday night program) through December. You can sign-up by clicking [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Amber Ratta at 330-351-7331 or email her at amberratta@icloud.com. It is an important part of our Sunday nights and a huge blessing to the teens. Thanks in advance for your support and partnership.

Texting Service Sign-up: The texting service for parents and teens is primarily used to send out reminders and changes to schedules. Those who have used it in the past have loved it. To sign up for this service, text the keyword to the group(s) that you want to join to 31996. **JH Parent= fwjr parent, JH Teen= fwjr student, SH Parent= fwsr parent, and SH Teen= fwsr student.**

More Forms of Communication: You can follow us on social media by clicking the images on the right.



Dates To Be Aware Of:

- Oct. 28 Reality 139 6-8pm in MPR @ Freshwater ALPHA.
- Nov. 4 Reality 139 6-8pm in MPR @ Freshwater ALPHA.
- Nov. 10 NEXT Conference (1 Day Youth Ministry Leader, Children's Ministry Leader, and Teen Leadership training event in Dover.) Link to find out more or to register found [Here](#).
- Nov. 11 Life Conference Info Meeting from 10-10:30am room 102 A & B.
Reality 139 6-8pm in MPR @ Freshwater ALPHA.
- Nov. 18 The Great Turkey Chase (Flyer Attached-Deadline to register is Wed., Nov. 7th).
- Nov. 25 No Reality due to Thanksgiving Weekend.
- Dec. 1 Alpha Day Away (Details coming soon.)
- Dec. 2 Reality 139 6-8pm in MPR @ Freshwater ALPHA.
- Dec. 9 Reality 139 6-8pm in MPR @ Freshwater ALPHA.
- Dec. 16 Reality 139 6-8pm in MPR @ Freshwater ALPHA.
- Dec. 23 No Reality 139 due to Christmas.
- Dec. 30 No Reality 139 due to New Years.
- July 7-14 Life Conference for our current 8-12th graders. (Flyer Attached w/ Parent Letter-Deadline to register is Sun., Dec. 16)