

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (3 YEAR PLAN)

OBJECTIVES

Gospel-Centered Development

The Gospel message is integrated into the teaching and interactions of the group. It is communicated in a way that becomes organic. Students have the opportunity to see, hear, and respond to the Gospel on a regular basis.

Grow Students' Understanding of The Bible

Our students have a limited understanding of what the Bible is, what it contains, and how it matters on a personal level. It is crucial that they have a deeper experience with the Word that helps them further their development and growth in Christ.

Guidance for Christian Living

Middle school is a challenging and confusing time as students' lives change. Our middle schoolers are receiving direct messaging from the world on a regular basis; for hours each day. We need strong messaging and expectations from God's perspective to combat and correct what the world is teaching. They should be hearing what the One who created them and saved them has designed for life.

TEACHING

Big Idea: Know the Bible

The primary objective is to improve students' understanding of the Bible and his/her overall orientation with what is occurring in Scripture. This is foundational knowledge and experience in God's Word that will allow for healthy development as a Christian. Approach involves interactive teaching, question and answers, learning activities, challenges, and parent resources.

Other Themes: Christian Living - Relationships - Identity - Following Jesus

Other themes are designed to address subjects and challenges encountered in 6th-8th grades. Teaching is formatted in an age-appropriate progression.

Know the Bible

Where did the Bible Come From?

Biblical Books in Context

World History Aligned with Biblical History - Timeline Approach

How to Read the Bible

Bible Geography

Books of the Bible - Categorical Overview with Special Emphasis

The Gospel throughout Scripture

Other Themes

Christian Living - The Church, Worship, Service

Relationships - Parents, Friends, Girlfriends/Boyfriends, God's View of Sex

Identity - Who I am in Christ, Who the World wants me to be, LGBTQ and the Bible

Following Jesus - What it Means to Follow Christ, Discipleship, The Holy Spirit in me

DISCIPLESHIP

Parents and Discipleship

Our objective is support parents and guardians as primary disciplers of Middle School Students. Our three phases encourage parents and guardians to decide, commit, and grow as disciple makers in the home.

DECIDE For some of us, this is a new component to our parenting. We need a fresh understanding of what God is calling us to do. This is God's design for disciple-making in the home and we're asking you to consider taking this next step.

Eph. 6:4: Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

COMMIT As parents we are busy. Our children have packed schedules. We need a fresh commitment to interrupt our routine for the sake of our child's future, in Christ. Weekly resources and group sessions will be provided for parents/guardians.

Deut. 6:7: You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

GROW As our children grow and develop, so does discipleship. We will work to provide resources and support as we navigate parenting as disciple-makers.

Psalms 78:4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

ACTIVITIES

Fellowship and Growth

Ministry within the Church Body

Local Outings

Christian events/concerts

Biannual Retreat

Church Camp

Outreach and Missions

Community service opportunities

Hosting outreach events with an emphasis on the unsaved

Domestic (regional) missions efforts (multi-day, blend of evangelism and service)