



Sunday – Focus: Keeping the Cross in View

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” Hebrews 12:2

This first day will be an introduction to camp, the staff, and the program. Most importantly, we will place our theme in front of the campers, presenting to them 1) an overview of the week, 2) the fact that each person is here for a reason, though that reason may be unknown to them, 3) God’s desire to meet with us and guide us by His grace and truth, and 4) our plan to look at Scripture in order to see God clearly through the message of the cross.

Monday Morning – Keep Your Eyes on the Savior

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

By God’s grace, we will help campers understand that all have sinned against God. Because of our sin, we all face the punishment of eternal death and separation from God forever. We can do nothing to save ourselves or earn righteousness from a Holy God who cannot allow sin to go unpunished. Because of his great love for us, God provided salvation for us through His Son, Jesus who bore our shame on the cross, becoming the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Anyone who trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved (Acts 16:31, Ephesians 2:8-9). It is God’s desire that we continue to follow Him all of our days, keep our eyes on Him and grow in Him for a lifetime (Deuteronomy 13:4, Mark 8:34-35).

Monday Evening – Keep Your Eyes on the Promise Keeper

“The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” Psalm 145:13

By God’s grace, we will teach campers that in this world of uncertainty, temptation, fear, difficult circumstances, ever-present change and discouragement, God is watching over His people and promises to deliver us (John 3:16, Matthew 1:21, Ephesians 2:8-9) and uphold us (2 Corinthians 4:7-17). We will have difficult times, but God is faithful to strengthen and preserve us (Isaiah 40:29-31), help us in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1, Psalm 34:19) and be with us always (Hebrews 13:5b). We look to God for help and strength, no matter what the circumstances come our way (Psalm 121 and Psalm 91).

Tuesday – Keep Your Eyes on what Lasts

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:18

By God’s grace, we will teach no matter what we are presently going through, Jesus’ death and resurrection demonstrate that this life does not have the last word. Our present sufferings will not last (1 Peter 5:10, 2 Corinthians 4:17). As followers of Christ we always have hope because the Word of the Lord, which stands forever, (Matthew 24:35, 1 Peter 1:25) tells us that God’s unfailing love, mercy and grace found in Jesus Christ will never end (Psalm 89:2, Lamentations 3:22-23). God has written the final chapter and promises that those who trust in Jesus will be given the gift of eternal life. God has promised that the old order of things will pass away and He will make all things new! (Rev.21:5)

Wednesday – Keep Your Eyes on the Mission

“Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

And ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37,39

By God’s grace, we will teach that Christ followers have a life mission to love God and love others in His name. As we grow in our relationship with Christ, we see the need for everyone to experience the grace and hope found only in Jesus. Because Christ’s love compels us, we open our eyes, look around (John 4:35), see those who are broken and love them with the love that God supplies. We are all called and equipped to be Christ’s ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20) in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and communities.

Final Blessing

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

By God’s grace, we will encourage the campers to trust Jesus daily and rest in God’s promises. Counselors will share this verse with each individual in their cabin as a final blessing.