

Chapel Students Devotionals & Series Bank

STAND ALONES

Finding your Identity in Christ
Scripture: Ephesians 2:10 ; 1 Peter 2:9-10
<p>God's Masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10): You are created uniquely by God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Every individual is God's handiwork, designed with a purpose.- Application: Embrace your uniqueness and God-given talents. <p>A Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:9): You are chosen and valued by God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Believers are part of a holy and special community.- Application: Live with the confidence of being valued by God. <p>Called for a Purpose (1 Peter 2:9-10): You are called to declare God's praises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our identity in Christ calls us to reflect His light to others.- Application: Seek ways to share God's love and truth in your daily life. <p>Main Application: Your true identity is found in Christ, and you are valued and called by Him. Spend time this week reflecting on your unique talents and how you can use them to serve God and others</p>

Transform, Don't Conform <i>A message on battling peer pressure</i>
Scripture: Daniel 3:16-18 ; Romans 12:1-2
<p>Transform, Don't Conform (Romans 12:2): Resist the pressure to conform to the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Renew your mind and align your actions with God's will.- Application: Identify areas where you feel pressured to conform and pray for strength to stand firm. <p>Review the story of Daniel:</p> <p>Courage to Stand (Daniel 3:16-18): The example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Their faith in God gave them the courage to resist societal pressure.- Application: Find strength in God to stand firm in your beliefs. <p>God is With You (Romans 12:2; Daniel 3:16-18): Trust that God will support you in difficult times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- God's presence gives us the strength to withstand peer pressure.- Application: Surround yourself with supportive, like-minded friends.

Main Application: You can stand firm against peer pressure by relying on God's strength and renewing your mind. Identify a situation where you face peer pressure. Pray for courage and wisdom to make God-honoring decisions

The Power of Prayer

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7; James 5:16

Talk to God About Everything (Philippians 4:6): Bring your requests to God.

- Prayer is a way to communicate openly with God about all aspects of life.
- Application: Consider starting a prayer journal to help you regularly talk to God.

Peace Through Prayer (Philippians 4:7): Experience God's peace through prayer.

- God's peace guards our hearts and minds when we pray.
- Application: In moments of anxiety, pause and pray to experience God's peace.

Prayer is Powerful (James 5:16): Prayer has the power to bring change.

- The prayers of a righteous person are powerful and effective.
- Application: Commit to praying for specific needs and watch how God works.

Main Application: Prayer is a powerful tool that brings peace and change. Set aside a specific time each day for prayer. Focus on bringing your concerns to God and seeking His peace.

Overcoming Temptation

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 4:1-11

Temptation is Common (1 Corinthians 10:13): Everyone faces temptation.

- Understand that temptation is a common human experience.
- Application: Recognize the areas in your life where you are most tempted.

God Provides a Way Out (1 Corinthians 10:13): God is faithful to provide escape routes.

- Trust that God will help you overcome temptation.
- Application: Look for and take the escape routes God provides when tempted.

Jesus' Example (Matthew 4:1-11): Jesus used Scripture to combat temptation.

- Follow Jesus' example by using God's Word to resist temptation.
- Application: Memorize key scriptures to help you in times of temptation.

Main Application: Temptation can be overcome by relying on God's faithfulness and using His Word. Identify a temptation you struggle with and find specific Bible verses to memorize that will help you resist it

Living Out Your Faith

Scripture: James 2:14-17; Matthew 5:14-16

Faith in Action (James 2:14-17): Genuine faith is demonstrated through actions.

- Faith without works is dead; our actions should reflect our faith.
- Application: Find a way to serve others this week to demonstrate your faith.

Be the Light (Matthew 5:14-16): Shine God's light through good deeds.

- Our good works glorify God and point others to Him.
- Application: Consider how your actions can be a light to those around you.

Impacting Others (Matthew 5:14-16): Your actions can influence others positively.

- Your faith lived out can inspire and encourage others.
- Application: Think of a specific way you can positively impact someone in your community this week.

Main Application: Genuine faith is shown through our actions and can positively influence others. Choose a tangible way to serve someone this week as a demonstration of your faith in action.

Building Healthy Relationships

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Colossians 3:12-14

Love is Central (1 Corinthians 13:4-7): Characteristics of love in relationships.

- Love is patient, kind, and not self-seeking...
- Application: Evaluate your relationships to see if they reflect these characteristics of love.

Forgiveness and Grace (Colossians 3:12-14): Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility.

- Bear with each other and forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- Application: Practice forgiveness in a relationship where there has been conflict.

Unity in Love (Colossians 3:14): Love binds everything together in perfect unity.

- Love brings harmony and unity to relationships.
- Application: Seek to be a peacemaker in your relationships, promoting unity and understanding.

Main Application: Healthy relationships are built on love, forgiveness, and unity. Identify a relationship that needs improvement. How can you take steps to show more love and forgiveness in this relationship?

Integrity

Scripture: Proverbs 11:3; Daniel 6:1-10

Integrity is the characteristic of being honest and having strong moral principles. While integrity cannot “save” you, to live in Christ-likeness is to live with moral uprightness.

Integrity Guides You (Proverbs 11:3): Integrity provides clear guidance.

- The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.
- Application: Reflect on areas of your life where you need to uphold integrity.

The story of Daniel’s integrity

Daniel’s Integrity (Daniel 6:4-5): Daniel’s enemies could find no corruption in him.

- Daniel’s integrity made him trustworthy and set him apart.
- Application: Strive to be trustworthy and consistent in your actions and words.

Standing Firm (Daniel 6:10): Daniel continued to pray despite the decree against it.

- Integrity involves standing firm in your beliefs even when it’s difficult.
- Application: Commit to maintaining integrity in a challenging situation this week.

Main Application: Integrity is essential for a trustworthy and honorable life that honors God. Identify a specific area where you can demonstrate greater integrity and take practical steps to uphold it.

Embracing God’s Plan for Your Life

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 3:5-6

God’s Good Plans (Jeremiah 29:11): God has plans for your welfare and future.

- Trust that God’s plans for you are for your good and His glory.
- Application: Reflect on how you can align your goals with God’s plans.

Trust and Acknowledge (Proverbs 3:5-6)

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding but acknowledge Him in all your ways.
- Application: Make a habit of seeking God’s guidance in your decisions.

God Directs Your Paths (Proverbs 3:6): He will make your paths straight.

- Trusting God leads to clear direction and purpose.
- Application: Write down a specific area where you need God's direction and pray for His guidance.

Main Application: Embrace and trust God's plan for your life, seeking His guidance in all things. Identify an area in your life where you are unsure of God's plan and commit to praying for His direction.

The Holy Spirit

Scripture: John 14:16-17; Galatians 5:22-23

The Comforter (John 14:16): The Holy Spirit is our Comforter and Advocate.

- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to be with us forever.
- Application: Invite the Holy Spirit into your daily life for guidance and comfort.

The Spirit of Truth (John 14:17): The Holy Spirit leads us into all truth.

- He helps us understand and apply God's truth.
- Application: Spend time in the Word and ask the Holy Spirit for understanding.

Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23): Evidence of the Spirit's work in our lives

- The fruit of the Spirit includes love, joy, peace, patience...
- Application: Reflect on which fruit of the Spirit are evident in your life and which need more development.

Main Application: The Holy Spirit is essential for guidance, truth, and producing godly character in our lives. Pray daily for the Holy Spirit's guidance and work in your life.

SUMMER SERIES

Summer in the Psalms

This series explores various Psalms. Each message/service can (and should) include interactive elements like worship, prayer, interactive discussions, etc.

The Shepherd's Care

Psalms 23

Explore the comfort of God as our Shepherd and how He cares for us in every aspect of our lives.

Application: Encourage students to trust in God's provision and guidance in all circumstances.

Longing For His Presence Psalm 84	Reflect on the beauty of God's presence and the deep longing of our souls to be close with Him. Discuss practical ways to commune with God. Application: Encourage a passion for God's presence through prayer, study His Word, and worship.
Meaningful Life Psalm 127:1-5	Discuss what it means to live a meaningful life - to put God first in everything. Application: Challenge the students: is their life oriented around God or do they just "fit God in" to their day?
The Lord is my Light & Salvation Psalm 27	Explore the theme of finding courage and strength in God, who is our light and salvation. Application: Encourage trust in God's protection and His presence as our guiding light. Discuss practical ways to commune with Him and to "not let the light grow dim"
Delighting in God's Word Psalm 119	Discuss the importance of God's Word in guiding our lives, providing wisdom, and deepening our relationship with him. Application: Encourage a commitment to regular Bible reading, meditation, and application of God's Word.
Taste & See Psalm 34	Reflect on God's goodness, provision, and faithfulness, and how we can experience His blessings when we seek refuge in Him. Application: We should live lives of gratitude and trust. We should seek God's goodness in all circumstances.