

PARENT CUE (Revolution Student Ministry Edition)

SEPTEMBER 2017 – NOVEMBER 2017



Hey Student Ministry Family

Make sure you take time to pick up and view the youth calendar available on Facebook and the Youth Zone. There's a lot coming up over the next few months. We also have a couple spots left for January's Winter Ski retreat including the need for a female chaperone. Talk to Pastor Matt if you'd like to join us. Below is the content we will be teaching over the next 3 months! Jordan Jinright, our children's ministry director and myself are planning a combined "Family Ministry" vision night, complete with games, food, and an informative session for each "ministry" within our Family Ministry. Be on the lookout for the date! We consider it vital for all parents (and grandparents) of our kids and youth to attend. Thanks so much!

What We're Teaching

September – THE BIG PICTURE (Old Testament)

Every color-by-number activity begins as a black and white grid of numbered squares. It looks complicated, messy, and nonsensical. If every square fulfills its proper role, however, the page eventually will transform into a colorful image of something recognizable.

Sometimes life can leave us feeling like we are one single square in a color-by-by number page. All we see is what's directly in front of us. We have no sense of the larger picture.

What's the big plan? What's my purpose? Where is this road headed? Certainly Ruth, Naomi, and Hannah asked those questions as they waited for God to make sense of their messy circumstances. In the end, though, our providential God revealed how He had been orchestrating their life events all

along. As you read the stories of these godly women, remember there is a bigger picture. All you can do is fulfill your role to the best of your ability and trust God to bring about something beautiful.

October – Character Counts (People of Integrity)

Have you ever wondered how people describe you to others? Do they mention your obsession with sports or your love of fashion? Do they know you as the guy who plays video games all the time or the girl who laughs about everything? Do they describe you as funny? Grumpy? Mean?

In the month of October, we will study the lives of five men who, despite their shortcomings, are overwhelmingly known today for their integrity. Just like all of us, Enoch, Noah, Daniel, Job, and Joseph struggled with disobedience and sin, but when the pressure was on, they demonstrated godliness and uprightness in the face of unimaginable opposition. As you read their stories, be challenged to model integrity on a daily basis. Consider what it would take for others, when asked to describe you, to think of your integrity first and foremost.

November – Christ First (New Testament)

At the Olympic games, every athlete is so much more than an individual competing for a medal. Olympians are chosen representatives of a nation. Their words, actions, and attitudes reflect the country that sent them. When they win a medal, they win it for themselves and for their home nation. To be an Olympian is both an honor and a great responsibility because it means putting oneself second behind something greater.

As believers, we too put something, or rather Someone, ahead of ourselves. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul explained why everything in our lives must come second to Christ. We are His representatives; therefore, our selfishness, our sin, our discontent, and any rights we think we have must be set aside in order for Christ to receive the glory. During November, as you read Paul's challenging words, consider what an honor it is to be Christ's representative on earth, and discover the freedom that comes from putting His first!