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Our Students Went to Camp

2019 Student Life Camp • YMCA of the Rockies

These are “**OUR**” students, because LifeBridge is a spiritual family.

- Jesus **ESTABLISHED** this truth with His disciples in a radical way. *Matthew 12:48–50*
- Paul **EXPLAINED** to Timothy how this plays out in the local church. *1Timothy 5:1–2*
- Paul **EXHORTED** Titus to lead churches in living this out as an expression of sound doctrine. *Titus 2:1–8*

Our Students Went to Camp!

26 Students + 6 Counselors

4 Night Sessions of Worship through Song + Scripture *plus* 3 Morning Sessions to Kick-start the Day

4 Family Group Bible Studies Divided into Guys and Girls

*“Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have also obtained **ACCESS** through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2 CSB*

Bible Study 1 – **ACCESS** through Christ to **KNOW GOD** // **Romans 5:1-11**

Bible Study 2 – **ACCESS** through Christ to **LIVE for GOD** // **Romans 12:1-2**

Bible Study 3 – **ACCESS** through Christ to **STAY FOCUSED on GOD** // **Matthew 14:22-33**

Bible Study 4 – **ACCESS** through Christ to **SHARE GOD** // **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

3 Family Group Prayer Gatherings Divided into Guys and Girls

4 Family Gatherings to Share Together as a Church Group

Our Students Went to Camp...SO What?

1. **SEPARATION** from the Rut of the Routine and the Cycle of Sin.
2. They Heard Familiar Gospel Truths from **UNFAMILIAR** Voices.
3. **EXPOSURE** to Committed Christ Followers for Extended Time in a Different Environment.
 - Riding in the van together.
 - Eating together.
 - Living/Sleeping together.
 - Worshiping, learning, and praying together.
 - Playing & laughing together.
 - Talking one-on-one with one another.
 - Crying together and giving hugs of encouragement to one another.

4. UNIQUE Opportunities to be Enlightened, Encouraged, and Equipped as Disciples.

- **Berean** (inductive) **Bible Study Skills** and learning to follow **P.R.A.Y.** as a prayer pattern.

5. PHONES Were Surrendered During Worship and Bible Study.

Our Students Went to Camp...*NOW* What?

1. CONSISTENT Attendance at Church.

Parents, are you setting the example and leading the way?

2. Be LOCKED-IN When You Come.

3. STAY in the Word – *Be Bereans!*

4. Seniors – *Don't* WASTE Your Year!

5. Find a MENTOR!

Handout: *What to Ask Your Teen (or a Teen!) After Camp*

Booklet: *Your Spiritual Journey: A Personal Guide*



6. Little Faith in a Big God Means Nothing Is IMPOSSIBLE!

*Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”
When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. Matthew 14:31-32*

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.” Matthew 17:19-20

When He came into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, “Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer.” Mark 9:28-29

7. Pray! Pray! Pray!

- P Praise** God’s Fatherhood, His faithfulness, His abundant mercies every morning, His loyal love, His coming judgment that warns before it’s too late. His gracious gift of these lay ministers and servant leaders. His provision of safety physically and spiritually.
- R Repent** Falling short of the example we should be to these students. Not practicing what we preach. Not praying as we should. Being too critical, judgmental, or harsh. Not being involved and too distracted by our own technology...by own little faith not being fixed on our BIG GOD!
- A Ask** Pray through the parable of the “Four Soils/Hearts” for our students in **Luke 8:4-18**.
- Soften **Hard Hearts** where the Word does not penetrate and Satan snatches it away.
 - Deepen **Shallow Hearts** that are emotionally stirred but not permanently changed, so the Word will take root.
 - Chasten **Crowded Hearts** that temporarily show growth but are eventually distracted by the cares of this world and drift away.
 - Strengthen **Fruitful Hearts** where the Word has taken root, is being held fast, and there is fruit that remains.
- Y Yield** We recommit ourselves to being the family of God and to being living sacrifices in the service of the LORD!

Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2 HCSB



What to Ask When Your Teen Gets Home

Your teen will come home from camp exhausted – emotionally, physically and spiritually. It's not that they don't want to tell you about all the great things that happened over the week... it's that they might not be able to, due to exhaustion and lack of time to process all of their thoughts.

Once they engage with the world again, you can begin to ask questions to help jog their memory of the week. You may ask them all at once, or spread them out. Either way, talking about the week at camp will help your teen continue to grow spiritually while reinforcing the youth minister's work.

1. What was your day like at camp? Tell me about the chapels, rec time, hiking, etc.
2. Who did you room with?
3. What is your favorite camp memory?
4. How was your Family Group? Who was your leader?
5. What part of the Family Group Bible Study stood out most to you?
6. What was the "ACCESS" theme all about?
7. What did you learn new about Jesus at camp?
8. What new thing did you learn about yourself?
9. How can I/we help you make that become reality?
10. Did camp inspire you to personally do anything new or make any changes in your life?

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