

When People Meet Jesus

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Our prayer this summer is that each weekend when a student attends a Sunday morning gathering they will hear clearly from God's Word how Jesus makes a difference in our lives. We will highlight how Jesus's interaction with all different types of people met them right where they were at. We will hear testimonies of how God is working in people's lives today and encourage ongoing conversation to be open to the ways Jesus wants to work in our lives. It is impossible to meet the real Jesus and leave unchanged!

Part 1 (June 25): With Jesus anything is possible

Passage: John 6:1-14 (A boy's lunch)

Bottom Line: That students would be encouraged to take a step of faith before they see anything. Both the boy who gave up his lunch and the disciples who put people in groups acted before they saw the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. Anything is possible with Jesus. Faith comes first.

Part 2 (July 2): Jesus forgives sins

Passage: Luke 5:17-26 (Paralytic Man)

Bottom Line: That students would recognize their need for Jesus to forgive their sins. What do you need to ask for forgiveness for today? Have you accepted that Jesus has forgiven your sins or are you still trying to just 'do better'?

Part 3 (July 9): Jesus brings joy and life change

Passage: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)

Bottom Line: That students would be encouraged that Jesus meets us where we are at and when He does it brings joy and life change. Are we open to letting Jesus meet us where we are at? Are we honest with Jesus? There is a lot more to this classic bible story than a simple song.

Part 3 (July 16): Jesus brings freedom

Passage: Luke 8:26-39 (Demon Possessed Man)

Bottom Line: Many of our internal or private struggles (fear, worry, anxiety, depression) hold us in bondage from enjoying freedom in Christ. We pray students will have a chance to meet with Jesus this morning and be freed from whatever they are struggling with. What things hold you back that you need to be set free from?

July 23 – Summer Camp Departure, no Junior High gathering

July 30 – Summer Camp Reunion party focus during the gathering

Part 5 (Aug 6): Jesus reveals what is in our hearts

Passage: John 9 (Blind Man)

Bottom Line: Different people groups encounter Jesus around the same circumstance but all can have a different response. We hope the students would realize when we encounter the real Jesus; His light reveals what is in our heart, or what our heart/life is turned toward. Where is your heart set? Are you open to Jesus changing the course of your heart?

Part 6 (Aug 13): Jesus brings truth and clarity to things we are wrestling with

Passage: John 3:1-21 (Nicodemus)

Bottom Line: That students would recognize we all have things about God, about life, about ourselves that we do not understand. Nicodemus came to Jesus because he had questions, he was curious. Too often we search for answers in other things instead of taking our questions to the One who can answer them, Jesus. What questions are you asking today? Are you seeking the answers in God or elsewhere?

Part 7 (Aug 20): Jesus breaks down walls and brings hope to the world

Passage: John 4:1-26 (Samaritan Woman)

Bottom Line: That students would be inspired by the work of Jesus and how He breaks down all social boundaries and that this would encourage them to share Jesus with those around them and pray for all people to come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Part 8 (Aug 27): Jesus brings healing

Passage: Mark 5 (Jairus Daughter)

Bottom Line: That students would believe in the supernatural healing that Jesus brings. Often in the gospels when people encounter Jesus, He heals them of physical illness/disease. Jesus is Creator and great physician. Jesus still meets us today and meets our physical needs which can include supernatural healing. Do we only desire to be healed (which God has done and can do) or do we desire the healer no matter what?