

“**Therefore**”, it’s a funny word... It appears 442 times in the NIV Bible (way more than that in the KJV), but do we ever stop and take note of its importance. As a wise teacher of mine once said, “when you see the word “**Therefore**” in the Bible, you should stop and see what it is **there... for?**” It is contained in some of the most important parts of scripture:

*"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:36*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear." Luke 12:22*

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

In most cases right before the word it shows the actions of a loving God toward his creation, A God trying to reconcile a relationship with us. Then following the word there is a responsibility or action that God asks us to perform. It should act as a signal to us, a call to action.

**Therefore** it is our hope that in our Youth ministry that we will be in the scriptures looking for the **therefores** contained inside, seeing the motions of our creator reaching towards us... and that we follow the directions of scripture... moving back toward him. It’s what we are... Here... for.