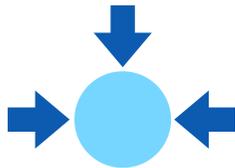


Redeemer Youth Discipleship Program

The Redeemer Youth Ministry strives to help you as a student *meet Jesus*, *mature in Jesus*, and *mobilize for Jesus*. These three things are not just for your “youth group days” but we pray that they will define the rest of your life:



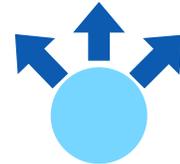
MEET Jesus

We strive to help you “meet Jesus” in a *saving* way (believing for the first time). But we also want to equip you to continually “meet” Jesus in a satisfying way throughout your life.



MATURE IN Jesus

We strive to help you grow in “experiential knowledge” of Jesus and the Christian faith. We want you to know about God's love and to experience God's love.



MOBILIZE FOR Jesus

We strive to help you live a gracious and humble Christian faith that is marked by both word (speaking truth) and deed (serving others).

What is the Redeemer Youth Discipleship Program?

The YDP is a 10-month (September - May) program that seeks to help you meet Jesus, mature in Jesus, and mobilize for Jesus through an intentional and relational pathway. By the end of the program we hope that you will:

- Know what the gospel is and how to experience it
- Grow in practices of prayer, scripture reading, and spiritual conversations with other Christians
- Learn how the Christian faith is not “part of life” but “all of life”

Who can join the YDP?

This YDP is open to *8th-12th graders*. ***We are asking that students apply for it.*** Parents, please do not fill out this form for your student. This is an *intentional* and *relational* based program, therefore, to save both your time (students) and ours (youth leaders), we will only accept students *who willingly desire to be involved in the program*. You must fill out and email the form to: kevin@redeemersl.org

What's the YDP all about?

There are four things that make up the YDP:

1

Reading Requirements

Cultivating reading habits in the bible and Christian books is essential for maturing our faith. The YDP will equip you on how to read and study in order to grow. There will also be training videos to help you grow in the disciplines of reading and prayer. The following books will be required reading. See the reading schedule and reading strategies below. *More books can be added if you want more.*

1. Gospel of Mark (Fall and Spring)
2. Prodigal God by Tim Keller (Fall and Spring)

2

Bi-Weekly Phone Call

An important part of growing in our faith is engaging in spiritual conversations with other Christians. The Christian faith is personal *but not private* so we want to help you learn to think about your faith with someone else. This is why we will have bi-weekly calls with each of you. The boys will talk to Kevin (or another male youth volunteer) and the girls will talk to Jill (or another female youth volunteer.) Each call will be *no longer than* 15-minutes. To help keep us on track here are our guiding questions:

1. What has God been teaching you through your readings?
2. What has caused you stress/anxiety and how is your relationship with God helping?
3. How have your relationships with family and friends been?
4. What was your "God is real" moment? (something that's made you smile this week. It could be as small as a cup of coffee. This is a way to intentionally remind ourselves that God is real and He is good.)

3

Round-table Meet Ups

Each semester we will have one Zoom orientation and one in-person meet up to talk about what we've been reading and learning. The date and location will be determined.

4

End of Semester Dinner

We want to serve you and treat you to a special dinner! Date and location will be determined but it will most likely be in December.

Suggested Reading Schedule and Strategies for Gospel of Mark

FALL

- Mark 1:1-15
- Mark 1:16-39
- Mark 1:40-2:17
- Mark 2:18-3:6
- Mark 3:7-35
- Mark 4:1-34
- Mark 4:35-5:20
- Mark 5:21-6:6
- Mark 6:7-29
- Mark 6:30-52
- Mark 6:53-7:23
- Mark 7:24-8:10
- Mark 8:11-30

SPRING

- Mark 8:31-38
- Mark 9:1-29
- Mark 9:30-50
- Mark 10:1-31
- Mark 10:32-52
- Mark 11:1-25
- Mark 11:27-12:27
- Mark 12:28-44
- Mark 13:1-37
- Mark 14:1-25
- Mark 14:26-72
- Mark 15:1-39
- Mark 15:40-16:8

There will be resource and training videos to help you prayerfully study Mark's Gospel. Below are TWO reading strategies that you can use to read the Gospel of Mark. Please pick one and use it as you read. The first one is simpler than the second. However, both are good ways to help you learn cultivate a habit of reading your bible. We will provide you with Gospel of Mark journals so that you can take notes in. We realize that some of you are fast readers however the point is not to get through Mark's Gospel as quick as you can. Take your time and learn to spend time with God as you carefully read and reflect:

1. Swedish Bible Study Method

There are two reading strategies that we encourage you to take. The first is called "The Swedish Bible Study Method." If your family has ever purchased furniture from Ikea then you know the instructions come in picture form. That's the idea of the Swedish Bible Study Method. As you read a passage there are four pictures to help guide you: a light bulb, a question mark, a cross, and arrows. Read the passage over a few times and then journal your thoughts using the pictures.



What stuck out for you and why?

A light bulb should be something that "shines" from the text – something new, fresh, or impactful.



What didn't you understand?

Identify something you find difficult to understand, or a question you would ask the either the author or God.



Where do you see grace?

What in this text helps you see more of Jesus and his grace, or what moves you to love him more?



How should you respond?

Identify & commit to something you sense the Spirit is leading you to believe, do, or feel.

2. Reading Mark Study Notes

The second study strategy is from a church in London. They have created study notes called "Reading Mark with a Friend." It's designed to do it with a friend but you can use it individually. It has questions and brief study notes to help you engage in Mark's Gospel. I will be sending you the document in an email and I can print you a hard copy.

Suggested Reading Schedule and Strategies for the Prodigal God

We realize you are busy students! The reading is therefore paced out for that reason. Don't rush through the book! Read it slowly, reflect on it, take notes, and internalize it. Read with a highlighter/pen/pencil and engage with the book: ask questions, mark what you don't understand, highlight what you want to think more about. At the end of each chapter try and summarize the chapter in 2-3 sentences.

Fall

- Introduction and Parable

- Chapter 1: The People Around Jesus
 - ▶ Two Kinds of People
 - ▶ Why People Like Jesus but Not the Church

- Chapter 2: The Two Lost Sons
 - ▶ The Lost Younger Brother
 - ▶ The Younger Brother's Plan
 - ▶ The Lost Elder Brother

- Chapter 3: Redefining Sin
 - ▶ Two Ways to Find Happiness
 - ▶ Two Lost Sons
 - ▶ A Deeper Understanding of Sin
 - ▶ Both Wrong; Both Loved

Spring

- Chapter 4: Redefining Lostness
 - ▶ Anger and Superiority
 - ▶ Slavishness and Emptiness
 - ▶ Who Needs to Know This?

- Chapter 5: The True Elder Brother
 - ▶ What We Need
 - ▶ Who We Need

- Chapter 6: Redefining Hope
 - ▶ Our Longing for Home
 - ▶ The Difficulty of Return
 - ▶ The Feast at the End of History

- Chapter 7: The Feast of the Father
 - ▶ Salvation is Experiential
 - ▶ Salvation is Material
 - ▶ Salvation is Individual
 - ▶ Salvation is Communal
 - ▶ Babette's Feast

APPLICATION

Students must fill out this application and email it to Kevin or hand it to Kevin.
The deadline is

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Why do you want to join the Redeemer Youth Discipleship Program?

How would you define the gospel & faith in Jesus?

What do you hope to get out of the YDP?

Sign and email (kevin@redeemersl.org) or hand it in to Kevin
