

Dear Parents,

As you know, our event is just around the corner. I wanted to take a moment to fill you in on our theme for this year and also to ask you to begin to pray for us as we head into this meaningful time in the life of our youth ministry.

If we look around us today at our culture, there is more division than there is unity. Some division is trivial. Some is life changing. And yet, into this landscape, the Gospel speaks a profound truth: in Christ, we are united. We are together.

Does your teenager know the difference between friendship and fellowship? Is your teenager unified with other Christ-followers in our church, youth group, and community regardless of their differences, by their common love for Christ? Is our youth ministry a safe place where students feel valued and cared for? Do our students lead out into culture, as one, motivated by the mission of advancing the Gospel?

We're going to help our students answer these questions in a really powerful study called TOGETHER. The goal of our event is to challenge our students to embrace a Christ-centered community.

I want to strongly encourage you to look through the parent follow-up parent guide. It contains A guide to inform you of the topics we'll be covering in our small group sessions and some questions for you to utilize in following-up with your child, reinforcing what he or she will have studied.

*Studies show that you are the most influential force in your child's life as it pertains to shaping his or her spiritual identity.* The goal in this updates is to equip you to help continue and build on the process we will have started during our event.

Please be praying for our ministry, your child, and your child's friends as we experience the Gospel and how it changes everything.