

The big event is finally here! We're so excited that you've encouraged and allowed your child to participate. It's going to be an amazing time of fun, community, and meaningful spiritual growth.

As promised, here is the document that will help you know exactly what your teenager will be learning over the course of the event, where our theme is TOGETHER. As I mentioned in the previous letter, your teenager is going to learn all about what it means to be the Church and to embrace a Christ-centered community with their Christian friends.

Your teenager will learn these truths most intently in his or her small group time. For each small group session your child will participate in, I've included both an overview of the content and some suggested takeaways you could utilize to help your child apply these truths in his or her life.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Again, thank you for your support and the amazing job you do of steering your child's spiritual growth.

Together Small Group Session 1

The first session is entitled Togetherness Is God's Plan and focuses on Ephesians 2:11-22.

The purpose of the session is to show students that we are together because togetherness is God's plan for His people.

Next Steps . . .

- What did you learn about why God has called us together as a church?
- What advantages are there in being together?
- What challenges are there?

Together Small Group Session 2

The second session is entitled "Togetherness Runs Deep" and focuses on John 13:34-35.

The purpose of the session is to help students see that being together is more than physically being with each other. It's being emotionally invested in one other.

Next Steps . . .

- Why is it important for us to be ready to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ?
- Why is it hard sometimes to be emotionally invested in other people?
- What can you do to be a better friend to those in your youth group?

Together Small Group Session 3

The third session is entitled “The Purpose of Our Togetherness” and focuses on Matthew 28:18-20.

The purpose of the session is to show students that our togetherness has a purpose. It’s drawing people close to Jesus . . . together.

Next Steps . . .

- What are the two purposes of our “togetherness”?
- How are you doing when it comes to bringing people to Christ who don’t know Him?
- How can we as a family be more intentional about growing closer to Christ together?

Together Small Group Session 4

The fourth and final session is entitled “Truly Together” and focuses on Acts 4:32-34.

The purpose of the session is that students would understand that God’s plan for us is to be united by our love for Jesus, regardless of our differences. Together means together.

Next Steps . . .

- Why is it easy to be frustrated by the differences we notice in each other?
- What can you do to overcome the differences that sometimes divide you and the people in your youth group?