

Summit Youth Camp Tuesday Morning Cabin Time

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“The Greatest Showman”

*Ladies and gents, this is the moment you've waited for
Been searching in the dark, your sweat soaking through the floor
And buried in your bones there's an ache that you can't ignore
Taking your breath, stealing your mind
And all that was real is left behind*

*Don't fight it, it's coming for you, running at ya
It's only this moment, don't care what comes after
Your fever dream, can't you see it getting closer
Just surrender 'cause you feel the feeling taking over*

*It's everything you ever want
It's everything you ever need
And it's here right in front of you*

This is where you wanna be

*'Cause everything you want is right in front of you
And you see the impossible is coming true
And the walls can't stop us (now) now, yeah*

Begin by asking students why they wanted to come to camp? Try to get some real answers not just the “Sunday school” answers.

Tell your vision for the week and share your heart!

Searching in the Dark- Blindfold a few students and have them try and complete a task without being able to see. (For example: tying their shoes, filling a glass with water, drawing a simple picture on a piece of paper.) Now have them take off their blindfolds and complete the exact same task.

Ask your students: Why do people look for answers in the dark? What are things that people do or things that people want that they think will give them purpose in their life? Give examples of students at your schools who look to the wrong things for happiness. Do these things give them hope? Is there any material possession that gives hope? Why do people think that they are happy?

Read Mark 10:17-31

What is Jesus trying to teach us in this passage?

Do you think people try to do good in order to get to heaven? Why?

Ephesians 2:8-9 says that Salvation is a gift. But with this gift, I have to give up everything or surrender my will to His will. The rich young ruler was not ready to give up everything. Is this hard to do?

(Ahead of time,) ask someone to share their testimony of how they came to Christ. Have them share now.

Share this song lyric with your group:

Don't fight it, it's coming for you, running at ya –

Does Christ run to us or do we have to find him?

Have students read these verses and give some answers discussing how Christ pursues us.

1 Timothy 2:4

Romans 8:34

John 3:16

Rev. 3:20

Matt. 7:7-8

Share these song lyrics with your group:

It's everything you ever want, It's everything you ever need

And it's here right in front of you-

If Christ is everything you ever want, why do people look for happiness in other things? What kind of things do people try and find happiness? Do money or relationships bring fulfillment? How long does it last? If Jesus is right here in front of you, why can't those who don't know Him, see Him?

Is Christ everywhere? Is He here today in this cabin? Can you see Him? How do you know that He is there?

Read Psalms 139:1-10

Jesus is calling to you today! He wants you to be in his family.

Ask all your students to say this prayer in closing.

“Lord if you are here today with me at camp, show yourself to be real to me. I want to hear from you today. I am listening.”

Summit Youth Camp Wednesday Morning Cabin Time

Each morning during cabin time we will look at a song from the musical “The Greatest Showman” and relate it to the Christian life. Play the song to your group to begin the session.

It is a false statement to think that by being a Christian, all of your problems go away. Each day we must die to ourselves and follow after Christ. It is not easy, but Christ told us that we should live the abundant life. John. 10:10 says I came that they may have life and life abundantly.

“Come Alive”

*You stumble through your days
Got your head hung low
Your skies are a shade of grey
Like a zombie in a maze
You're asleep inside
But you can shake awake*

'Cause you're just a dead man walking

Ask: As a believer, what does it mean to be a dead man walking?

Read Ephesians 2:1

The phrase “Dead Man Walking” was a phrase used by prison correctional officers when the warden would lead a man on death row down to his execution.

In this verse, Paul is saying that the natural man is spiritually dead while still physically alive.

How can we be spiritually alive and dead to our self?

Read Galatians 2:20

Putting to death things of the old life! Like what?

(On a white board or poster board recreate this chart. Have your students add to the list.)

<u>God's Will</u>	Vs	<u>My Will</u>
Others first		Me first
Giving		Holding on to things
Physical possession don't matter		Worldly possessions
Giving your best		Winning at all cost

Continue talking about what makes people lose focus, however, ahead of time arrange for the cooks or other sponsors to come in with cookies or another treat and see how many students lose focus. Or, have a sponsor bounce a basketball while you talk. Or, have a loud noise in the back of the room. Create any kind of distraction and see how many will stay focused.

What is one thing that causes Christians to be self-oriented and lose focus?

Discuss with students again what distracts them from their relationship with God?

Remind them that the focus each day should be on loving God and loving others!

Who are you serving? What is your mission? When was the last time you shared your faith?
What acts of kindness have you shown those who do not know Him?

Look at the next phrase of the song:

*I see it in your eyes
You believe that lie
That you need to hide your face
Afraid to step outside
So you lock the door
But don't you stay that way*

When we start believing lies, then we start acting on those lies! Satan is the author of lies! What lies are you believing?

Have students get in groups and come up with a list of the top five things students believe that are lies from Satan.

(For example:) Lies of Satan-

It doesn't matter if I read my Bible, go to church, etc.

I've done so much wrong. God could not love me. God could not use me.

*Come all! You hear! The call!
To anyone who's searching for a way, to break free*

God extends His "call" to all of us, no matter who we are, what we have or haven't done. His arms are open wide asking each of us to come to Him!

Summit Youth Camp Thursday Morning Cabin Time

Play the game Bang the Pot!

The leader stands on a chair in the middle of the room with a stainless steel pot and a metal spoon. The students begin milling around the room. Everyone has to keep moving. The leader then bangs on the pot with the metal spoon a certain number of times and then stops. The kids need to count the number of beats and then get in a group of the same number of people as there were beats. Those who are not in a group with right amount of people when a whistle blows are eliminated from the game. This is continued until all are eliminated except one. You may want to play it several time to see different affects.

Ask students if they know people at their school or church who feel rejected. What makes them feel this way?

Play a portion of the song "This is Me."

"This is Me"

*I am not a stranger to the dark
Hide away, they say
'Cause we don't want your broken parts
I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars
Run away, they say
No one will love you as you are*

*But I won't let them break me down to dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious*

*When the sharpest words wanna cut me down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me
Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me*

*Another round of bullets hits my skin
Well, fire away 'cause today, I won't let the shame sink in
We are bursting through the barricades
And reach above the sun (we are warriors)
Yeah, that's what we'll become*

*Won't let them break me down to dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious*

*And I know that I deserve your love
There's nothing I'm not worthy of*

*Look out 'cause here I come (look out 'cause here I come)
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum (marching on, marching, marching on)
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me*

Say: This song makes me think of the women at the well. She was a marked woman. She could not even get water when she wanted so she went to the well in the middle of the day so no one would be there and bully her.

Have students read and discuss John 4:4-26.

John 4:5-9 - Jesus meets the Samaritan woman.

John 4:10-15 - Jesus interests the woman with Living Water.

John 4:16-26 - Jesus directs her from sinful life to true worship.

The woman at the well was a Samaritan. She was the enemy of Jesus, but He never treated her like the enemy. Jesus ministered to the outcast! Can you name another story in the Bible where Jesus ministered to those who were down and out?

Did Jesus tell her that she was a lousy sinner? How did he confront her?

This was a true showing of God's love.

Jesus was a man, a stranger, and a Jew. He should have never spoken to her. You can see in their conversation that she was afraid of judgement because of her sin. She felt that she was lower class than any one because of her mistakes. Are you a sinner? Do you allow your sin to define you? Can Jesus forgive you? Of anything? Are you good enough for God?

Does your past have to define your future?

Read Psalm 103:12.

John 4: 27-42 shows how this woman's life was changed. She immediately tells her neighbors and they come to Christ.

Jesus already knows everything about us. He sees us as we really are and all that we have done or thought, or felt; and He still loves us! He died for us! He accepts us.

Summit Youth Camp Friday Morning Cabin Time

Game. Draw an imaginary line down the center of an open area in your cabin. Get three students on one side and three on the other. Have them play volleyball with a beach ball or light plastic ball. The point is to see how many times they can hit the ball without it touching the ground. Play for a little while then eliminate two people from each side leaving one on one. Play for a little while then have just one person try to hit the beach ball from side to side.

Is it fun to play volleyball alone? Tennis? Football? Baseball? NO!!!

Walking this journey of the Christian life is not easy. Sometimes, many times we need to call out for help! We are not made to be alone! Family and Friends are important.

Read the words to the song "Tight Rope."

"Tight Rope"

*Some people long for a life that is simple and planned
Tied with a ribbon
Some people won't sail the sea 'cause they're safer on land
To follow what's written
But I'd follow you to the great unknown
Off to a world we call our own*

*Hand in my hand
And we promised to never let go
We're walking the tightrope
High in the sky We can see the whole world down below
We're walking the tightrope
Never sure, never know how far we could fall
But it's all an adventure
That comes with a breathtaking view
Walking the tightrope With you...*

*Mountains and valleys, and all that will come in between
Desert and ocean
You pulled me in and together we're lost in a dream
Always in motion
So I risk it all just to be with you
And I risk it all for this life we chose*

Ask students to write down the names of people that walk the tightrope with them.

How important are Christian friends? How important is accountability?

What is accountability?

Definition: A process of being responsible for your spiritual commitments. Explaining one's conduct or actions to another, for approval, correction, counsel, reward or encouragement. Being accountable to others helps us to stay accountable to God!

Everyone needs accountability – a Paul and a Timothy – Someone to be your mentor and someone that you can mentor.

Why accountability?

1. It encourages you to build deep friendships. Eccles.4:9-11, Prov. 18:24, Psalm 55:4-14, especially verses 12-14, Romans 15:1-2
2. It will help you to remain strong in your walk with God.
3. It holds you responsible for commitments.
4. It protects you from possible harm. Heb.12:11 (NIV)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

You will learn to be honest, be vulnerable, draw strength from each other, experience the joy of watching others grow, and find victory over habitual sin.

Ask Students:

Is it important to have “Christian Friends” at school? Why?

Who do you call or text when you need help or feel alone? Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Ask if anyone has ever started a group at school? Share ideas about how to start one.

Have a student stand up on a chair. Ask them if they can pull you up onto the chair. (Don't cooperate with them.) Then without much warning yank them by the arm and get them out of the chair. Ask students if it is easier for friends to come up to their level or for them to be brought down. Peer pressure is still real. Ask students to tell you what pressures there are at school. Pressure to cheat? Pressure to drink? What else?

This is why the Bible says, 1 Corinthians 15:33. Do not be misled, Bad company corrupts good morals. Ask if anyone can share an example of this from their own life.

What can your youth group do to be accountable? Brainstorm different ideas.

Challenge students to go home with a different mindset, having eyes to see those around them and show them God's unconditional love and acceptance.