

YOUTH WORSHIP NEWSLETTER

KOINONIA EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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BECAUSE I SAID SO

A lot of us struggle to trust the authority figures in our lives—even God! But as we see at various points throughout the gospel narrative, God is trustworthy, and we have plenty of reason to submit to His authority in our lives even when it feels difficult! This series will allow the youth to dive deeper into understanding the reasons why they may sometimes have trouble with submitting to authority without knowing "why" but most importantly, why they may be hesitant to submit to God's authority in their lives.

Over the next five weeks, the youth will learn about how:

- It is okay to trust and submit to spiritual authority without always having to know all of the reasons.
- They can always trust God's uncommon sense more than their own common sense.
- They have to make their own decision to submit and trust God with their life.
- Following Jesus is a decision they have to make everyday. No one else can choose for them.
- Sometimes submitting to God includes suffering for the sake of others.

Through the stories of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Jesus' first disciples and Jesus himself, the youth will have the opportunity to see how these people responded to "Because I Said So." Ultimately everything comes down to trust and the events that are recorded in the Bible shows us examples of those who chose to trust God in the middle of difficult situations. Hopefully, these stories will help the youth to choose to trust and submit to God in all the situations they face in their life.

THIS SERIES' MAIN IDEAS + REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Week 1

October 2, 2021

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:2-5

The Point: We say yes because Adam and Eve said no

Reflection: What is one thing that's "in the way" that's keeping you from trusting God?

Week 2

October 9, 2021

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-3, 16-18

The Point: God's uncommon sense is better than your common sense

Reflection: Is there something God has asked you to do or to trust Him with that you're having difficulty following through on?

Week 3

October 16, 2021

Scripture: Genesis 26:1-5, 24

The Point: It's about Who you know, not who you know

Reflection: Do you feel like your faith in God is "your own" or are you asking questions/figuring that out?

Week 4

October 23, 2021

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

The Point: "Yes" is a daily decision

Reflection: What is your "boat" right now? Is there something God is asking you do to that you're having trouble trusting Him with?

Week 5

October 30, 2021

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-44

The Point: We say yes because Jesus said yes for our sake

Reflection: Read John 13:34. Jesus was willing to endure pain because He knew it would benefit us. What are some ways you might be able to treat others the way Jesus has treated you in that sense?



YOUTH WORSHIP UPDATES

October Youth Package Pick Up

- This month's activity will encourage youths to design their own mug and notebook based on their learnings from this series. Please pick up the Youth Packages from the **Church Office using the Backdoor entrance (150 - 13775 Commerce Parkway, Richmond, BC V6V 2V4)** on one of the following days:

Drop In (Pick up from the office anytime without notice during the date and times listed):

- Wednesday, September 22nd 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday, September 24th 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 29th 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday, October 1st 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (**LAST DAY**)



If you have children in Karpos, you can pick up the youth packages together with the Karpos Package:

- Monday, September 20th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (*Karpos Pick Up Time*)
- Tuesday, September 21st 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (*Karpos Pick Up Time*)
- Saturday, September 25th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (*Karpos Pick Up Time*)

If you are unable to pick up the youth package on the listed days, please contact Priscilla by email (priscilla@koinoniachurch.ca)

SHORT, HELPFUL, BLOG POST



Parenting is the hardest job in the world. Part of the reason for that is because good parenting requires us to reflect the gospel to our kids whether we mean to or not. And while that's a good thing, it's also an incredibly difficult thing.

In week 5 of this series, we're talking with your child about some of Jesus' final moments before going to the cross. He knew He was about to endure immense suffering, and He wasn't entirely sure He wanted to go through with it. But, in part because of His willingness to submit to the authority of the Father, Jesus endured suffering for the sake of our redemption.

And that's pretty much what parenting is, isn't it? Yes, your role as a parent is filled with joyful moments. Sure, there's a lot of laughter. But it wouldn't be a lie to say that parenting a child into adulthood is a difficult 18+ years journey for the sake of their redemption.

We sacrifice. We hold our tongue. We deny ourselves the things we want. And we do it because we know that the "suffering" of good parenting is likely to lead to our kids becoming strong, capable, high-functioning adults. Maybe even deeper: Our suffering may lead to the redemption of their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

So don't grow tired of the good work of parenting! It's hard, yes. But when you suffer for the sake of your child, you are loving them as Jesus loves you!



CONTACT US

Walking alongside our youths can be a challenging journey, and we understand. If you have any questions or would like to have some prayer support, feel free to contact:

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