



SPEAKER

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SESSION ONE

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

5:30 - Check-in opens (In The Crossing)
6:30 - Doors open
7:00 - Main Session One
8:30 - Church Group Time/Dismiss for the evening

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:30 - Doors Open
10:00 - Main Session Two
11:30 - Church Group Time
12:00 - Lunch (Meet In The Crossing)
- Chad Higgins Leader Training in The Loft (Upstairs)
- Students in Phelps Hall & Gym
1:00 - Doors Open
1:30 - Main Session Three
3:00 - Dismiss

Being Connected to Jesus Christ

This weekend's theme is rooted in John 15, where Jesus talks about the importance of remaining in Him. He uses the analogy of the vine and branches to illustrate our need for staying connected to Him, our source of life and strength. As a leader, remind your students that being connected to Jesus isn't a one-time event but a daily choice to abide in His love and Word. Discuss practical ways to maintain this connection, like prayer, reading the Bible, and being mindful of His presence in every moment. Highlight the promise that when we stay connected to Him, we bear much fruit, reflecting His love and grace in our lives.

If you could ask Jesus one question right now, what would it be?

Read: John 15:5

Say something like: "Just like branches need to be connected to the vine to grow, we need to stay connected to Jesus experience life to the fullest. Let's talk about what this connection looks like."

Ask:

How do you stay connected to friends and family? How might learning from these ways help us learn what it means to stay connected to Jesus?

What does 'bearing fruit' in our lives look like when we're connected to Jesus?

Can you share a time when you felt disconnected? What difference did it make in your life?

Read: Philippians 4:6-7

Say something like: Prayer is a powerful way to connect with Jesus. It's how we share our hearts and listen to His guidance.

Ask:

How does prayer help us stay connected to Jesus?

What are some things you're thankful for that you can share with Jesus in prayer?

What would be some of the things you could be praying to God about in your life?



SESSION TWO

Being Connected with Other Believers

Our faith journey isn't meant to be walked alone. The New Testament is filled with examples and commands about living in community, loving one another, and bearing each other's burdens. Discuss how relationships with other believers are crucial for spiritual growth, accountability, and encouragement. Explore the "one another" commands in the Bible (love one another, encourage one another, serve one another) and discuss practical ways to live these out. Highlight the strength found in a community united in Christ and how it reflects the love of God to the world around us.

If you could form a dream team for any activity, who would you include and why? What would be your activity you would choose?

Read: Hebrews 10:24-25

Say something like: *Being part of a community isn't just about being together; it's about growing together in love and good deeds.*

Ask:

How can we encourage each other in our group? What kind of encouragement works best for you?

What are some 'good deeds' we can do as a group?

Why is meeting together regularly important for our spiritual growth?

Read: 1 Peter 4:8-10

Say something like: *We thrive when we love deeply and serve each other with our gifts.*

Ask:

What are some gifts you've noticed in others in our group?

How can we show deep love to each other, especially when it's hard?

What's one act of hospitality or service you can offer to someone this week?

SESSION THREE

Being Connected to the Mission of God

God's mission is about reconciling the world to Himself, and He invites us to be a part of this grand purpose. Discuss what it means to be God's ambassadors, representing His love and truth in every area of life. Explore the concept of the Kingdom of God and how we can live out kingdom values here and now. Encourage your students to see their daily lives as opportunities for mission, whether it's in school, with friends, or in their families. Highlight the importance of prayer in aligning our hearts with God's mission and seeking His guidance in our endeavors.

If you could change one thing in the world right now, what would it be and why?

Read: Matthew 28:18-20

Say something like: *Jesus' mission for us is clear: to make disciples. This starts with our own circles and extends to the whole world.*

Ask:

What does 'making disciples' look like in our daily lives?

How can we support each other in fulfilling this mission?

What's one step you can take this week to share Jesus' love with someone?

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Say something like: *"We are called to be ambassadors for Christ, sharing the message of reconciliation with the world."*

Ask:

What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?

Can you think of someone who needs to hear about God's love? How can you reach out to them?

What could stand in your way of doing this? How might you overcome these things?