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OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to lead middle school students into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR STRATEGY

Our strategy is to create an environment where middle school students can...

- ❖ Prioritize their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ❖ Influence their friends
- ❖ Experience personal ministry

OUR WIN

Our win is when a middle school student discovers a faith of their own that will prepare them for a lifetime of ministry and Influence.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out our website. It's full of pictures, videos, downloads, and more to help both students and parents of Middle School Students

www.connect316.com/msm

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POWERHOUSE MEETS

Sundays @ 9:30

& Wednesdays @ 6:30

THE 5 FAITH SKILLS THAT EVERY BELIEVER NEEDS

We're big believers in thinking with the end in mind - meaning that, in everything we do, we want to do it thinking about a specific goal. The first step of thinking with the "end" in mind is to determine what the "end" actually is. These 5 Faith Skills are one of the end goals that we are always aiming for.

By the time you leave 8th grade and move up to high school, we want you to have learned how to practice these 5 essential faith skills - they're the faith skills that every believer needs in order to know God better now, and continue growing closer to Him for a lifetime.

1 NAVIGATE THE BIBLE

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD
BETTER, READ HIS WORD!**

Students should begin to develop the habit of spending daily time in God's Word, learn to locate and understand content in the Bible, and see God's Word as a gift + a friend - not be intimidated by it.

2 Personalize Scripture

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD
BETTER, MEMORIZE AND APPLY HIS
WORD!**

Students should begin to identify God's voice when he speaks to them through His Word, and be able to memorize and apply those portions of Scripture in particular.

3 Dialogue with God

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD BETTER,
TALK TO HIM!**

Students should begin to develop the habit of spending daily time with God in prayer, and know what a healthy prayer life (both publicly and privately) looks like.

4 Share Your GRACE STORY

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD
BETTER, TELL OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT
HIM!**

Students should feel comfortable engaging in spiritual conversations with others, and be able to verbalize the story of what God has in their lives through grace.

5 Worship with YOUR LIFE

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD BETTER, GIVE BACK TO HIM!

Students should understand that worship is a daily habit of love and service to God - and it doesn't just happen through music. through grace.

BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIP YOU WERE BORN FOR

These are fast times and it seems we are all being forced to either move quicker and quicker or we simply become overwhelmed and exhausted. So it's no surprise that when it comes to our relationships we find ourselves with little or no time left to put into them. But the truth is that any relationship of value needs time and energy to grow and be healthy - our relationship with God is no different.

Question: "What would your life be like if you **POWERED UP** each day by spending time with God?" Allow me to answer for you - Your life would change because as you draw near to God's heart He'll change your heart! Remember the old saying "You become the company you keep." So here's the deal, you were created to experience and enjoy a real relationship with God, and if you're not - you're simply getting ripped off!

So if it's time for you to **SLOW DOWN AND GET REFOCUSED** on your relationship with God, then this will be a great place to start.

SCHEDULE THESE MEETINGS WITH GOD using the provided Bible readings and prayer guide as the framework for these meetings. Be sure to write down the things God says to you, because He *will* speak to you if you're ready to listen.

NOTE: This isn't a religious "quick-fix" or a "fad diet". It's about committing to **STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATION** of your relationship with the Lord. This is a place to start; a place to springboard into a lifestyle of devotion. It's meant for *real, two-way communication and enjoyment = Relationship building.*

GET STARTED by prayerfully considering when and where you plan to get alone with the Lord. Now, with great expectation, open your heart to the God of the universe as He enters into your life in a new and wild way!

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying the way Jesus taught - Matthew 6:9-13

"Our Father in Heaven, Holy is Your name"

- Begin with worshiping God, praising Him for who He is and what He's done and thanking Him for making us His children.

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"

-Pray for God's purposes for:

-your life

-your family and friends

-your church (pastors, leaders, events)

-the world (body of Christ, spiritual and political leaders, city, state, nation, world, revival)

"Give us our daily bread"

-pray for needs: physical/emotional/spiritual

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"

-Receiving God's forgiveness for ourselves (confessing and getting clean)

-Releasing God's forgiveness to others

"Do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one"

-Take particular areas of temptation before the Lord, surrendering to God's strength and protection, as well as taking authority over the enemy, committing to resisting his attacks.

"Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever - Amen"

-Finish this prayer time the same way you started - with worship.

READY REFERENCE

ROMANS ROAD TO SALVATION

Rom. 3:10, Rom. 3:23, Rom. 5:8, Rom. 6:23, Rom.
10:9-10, Rom. 10:13,

Salvation is SIMPLE as ABC

ADMIT THAT YOU SIN, **BELIEVE** JESUS DIED AND
ROSE FROM THE DEAD,
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM

HEAVEN

John 14:1-6

Rev. 21:1-5,22:1-5

Hell

Luke 19:19-27

Rev. 20:15

SAVED FOR SURE - FOREVER...

Have everlasting life John 3: 15-16,36
No one can snatch you away John 10:28-29
Not Saved by works Ephesians 2:8-9

SIN PROBLEMS

SPEECH/ATTITUDE.....James 1:22
COMPLAINING/GRIPING.....Phil 2:14
WHAT MY EYES SEE.....Psalms 101:3
NOT READING THE SCRIPTURE.....Psalms 119:105
MUSIC.....Philippians 4:8
SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE.....1 Thess.4:4, Romans 6:8
DRINKING/DRUGS.....Prov. 20:1, James1:15
LYING.....Eph. 4:25, Prov. 12:22
GIVING IN TO TEMPTATION.....1 Cor. 10:13
DISOBEYING GOD.....Luke 6:46
JEALOUSY.....Luke 15:25-30
STEALING.....Matt.19:18
WORLDLINESS.....1 John 2:15
TONGUE.....James3:6

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...

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| COMPASSION | John 13:35; 1 Peter 3:8 |
| CONTENTMENT | Phil 4:11; Rom. 8:28 |
| CARING | Gal. 6:2; Rom. 12:15 |
| COURAGE | 2 Tim. 11:7; Joshua 1:9 |
| DEPENDABILITY | Titus 2:8 |
| DETERMINATION | James 1:12; Dan.3:18 |
| DISCERNMENT | Ps. 101:3; 2 Cor. 6:14 |
| ENTHUSIASM | Romans 12:11 |
| FAIRNESS | 1 Tim. 5:21 |
| FAITHFULNESS | John 20:27; Prov. 25:19 |
| FORGIVENESS | Col. 3:13; Luke 23:34 |
| GENEROSITY | 2 Cor. 9:7 |
| HONESTY | Rom. 12:17; Phil 4:8 |
| HUMILITY | Acts 20:19; 1 Pet. 5:5 |
| INITIATIVE | Prov. 6:6-8 |
| INTEGRITY | Prov. 22:1; Ec. 7:1 |
| JOY | Ps.68:19; Gal 5:22 |
| KINDNESS | 2 Pet. 1:7; Ps. 36:7 |
| LOVE | Ps 97:10; Eph 5:2 |
| LOYALTY | Heb 3:14; Prov. 17:17 |
| MEEKNESS | Titus 3:2 |
| OBEDIENCE TO GOD | Acts 6:7 |
| OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS | Eph. 6:1 |
| OBEDIENCE TO AUTHORITY | Eph. 6:5; Heb. 13:17 |
| ORDERLINESS | Ps.119:133; 1 Cor. 14:40 |
| PATIENCE | James 1:3; 1 Thess. 5:14 |
| PURITY | 2 Cor. 6:17; 1 Tim. 5:22 |
| RESPONSIBILITY | 1 Cor. 4:2; Matt. 17:24-27 |
| REVERENCE | Heb. 12:28; Rev.1:17 |
| SELF CONTROL | Rom. 6:12,13 |
| TENDER-HEARTEDNESS | Eph.4:32 |
| THANKFULNESS | Luke 17:11-19; Col. 3:15 |