



Dear Fuel Families,

I hope your week is off to a great start! I am in Nashville this week helping other churches understand more about why preteen ministries is such an essential and powerful part of the church body. I can't wait to share with other churches the amazing ways I see God's light shine through YOUR preteens!

Here are this week's updates:

WHAT WE DID

- **Last Sunday** we continued to explore the idea that if church matters, then the things we are called to do and be as a church matter. We looked at Mathew 20:1-16 and focused on the importance of welcoming and how generous God is in welcoming others into his kingdom. ASK your preteens to tell you about my experience on the trolley this past weekend on the way to the U2 concert and how we can be like those "welcomers" on the trolley.
- **Last Wednesday** we had quite the kick-off! With over 70 preteens in attendance, the energy was electric! Thank you again to the Buckleys for bringing snack and to Jeremy Church and Dave Southcombe for sticking around and joining the fun. ASK your kids about their "trust fall" experience and what that has to do with Peter keeping his eyes on Jesus as he stepped out of the boat (Matthew 14:22-33).

WHAT'S NEXT

- **This Wednesday** is going to be another exciting night at Fuel Wednesday! Since I am out of town this week, we need a few extra hands on deck. The program is planned and key leaders are in place, we just *need a few extra smiling faces* to help welcome and connect with the kiddos throughout the night. If YOU are able to stay and play this week, please let me know ASAP. But be careful...you might fall in love with this ministry! 6:30-8:30pm in the Fuel Room (CMC 211).
- **This Sunday** we will be looking at Matthew 21:23-32 and discussing the importance of "Integrity." Consider reading the text this week as a family as a way to prepare your hearts. Also, please encourage your preteen to **bring** their Bible and a journal each Sunday. Not only do they get raffle tickets for bringing them, but each Sunday, we encourage kids to follow along in their Bible and take notes as a tool to engage their faith even further. If they do not have a journal or Bible at home, please have your child talk to me.

NOTES

- ALSO THIS SUNDAY (10/1) is our next Family BYO Picnic. Mark your calendars! In fact, you can mark every 1st Sunday of the month (minus 12/3 & 4/1). It's fun and simple to participate. Everyone and anyone is invited. Bring your lunch and linger with us after church (Noon-ish). Weather permitting, find us under the sycamore tree on the lower grass. Rainy day? No problem. Come join us in the Fuel room (CM211)
- DID YOU KNOW Fuel is on Facebook and Instagram? Follow us as another way to stay in the loop!

That's it for this week. I hope you'll be able to join our Fuel leaders Wednesday night, and I hope you have a great rest of your week.

I look forward to seeing you all at Fuel this coming Sunday morning and that you join us for our Family BYO picnic!

Blessings,

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