Introducing "True Relationship" - A Note to Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you're doing well! We're kicking off a new three-week series called ***True Relationship***. Throughout this series, we want to help students understand what it means to have a real relationship with God and how to spend time with him without it feeling like a task or a burden.

Series Overview

This three-week series will help students understand the heart and power at work behind their love for God, spiritual disciplines, and kingdom work.

Session 1: Spirit-Empowered Love (November 4)
Big Idea: The Holy Spirit gives and grows our love for God.
Question for Discussion: Have you ever wished you had a stronger love for God? What have you tried to grow that love?

Session 2: Grace-Based Disciplines (November 11)
Big Idea: Spiritual disciplines are designed to be restful, not oppressive.
Question for Discussion: What ways do you think you connect with God most easily? What ways of connecting with God feel like a chore?

Session 3: Relationship-Driven Service (November 18)
Big Idea: Before we are God's slaves or servants, we are first and foremost welcomed to be his friends, bride, and children.
Question for Discussion: Why do you choose to serve (or not serve) God? Why do you think God wants you to serve him?

Continuing the Conversation

1. **Look Back on the Series:** Go over the Big Ideas we covered and ask your teen to reflect on how these concepts are showing up in their daily life.
2. **Be Curious:** Engage in deeper discussions about these ideas. A helpful tip: try asking more questions than providing answers. It might be challenging, but it's a great way to demonstrate that you truly value your teenager's thoughts and opinions.
3. **Encourage Sharing:** Motivate your teen to share their insights with peers or other family members. Talking about their beliefs can deepen their understanding and affirm their faith.

Our hope is that the discussion questions provided above might lead your family to open conversations about what it looks like for each of us to use our voices, our actions, and our courage to point others toward Jesus. As always, please feel free to reach out if you ever have any questions!

Blessings,

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