

Dear Parents of Middle and High School Students,

We are now over a month into the school year, and I'm grateful to God for the ways he has been at work through this ministry. In September alone, we welcomed 17 first-time guests at Highlight! Please continue praying that the Lord will use this ministry to draw teenagers to himself. In this month's parent letter, you'll find details about upcoming studies, an opportunity for your whole family to serve, and this month's recommended parent resource.

Student Equip Schedule

Last Sunday morning at Student Equip, we began a new study on Human Identity. This series will carry us through the end of October, along with a few special opportunities you'll want to know about.

For example, this Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 AM, Frank Strickland will be teaching on the topic "*Thinking Biblically About AI*." Encourage your student to join us!

Here's the 9:00 AM schedule for the coming weeks:

- October 5 | *Thinking Biblically About AI* (Frank Strickland)
- October 12 | Combined with Adult Equip (Guest Teacher: [Mike Bullmore](#))
- October 19 | *Human Identity (Session 2): Humanity as Male and Female*
- October 26 | *Human Identity (Session 3): The Origin and Spread of Sin*
- November 2 | *Human Identity (Session 4): Body and Soul*

Highlight - Sermon on the Mount & At Home Discussion Questions

We are one month into our Sunday night study through the Sermon on the Mount. In the past few weeks, we've talked about how Jesus calls his disciples to a greater righteousness than that of the Pharisees. While the Pharisees displayed a hollow religion—focused on outward appearances without true heart transformation—Jesus calls his disciples to a whole-person righteousness that starts in the heart and flows outward.

Below, you can find our upcoming teaching calendar and at-home discussion questions.

- October 5 | Highlight Pizza Night & Worship (*Matthew 5:33-48*)
- October 12 | Highlight (*Matthew 6:1-18*)
- October 19 | [CBC Fall Festival](#)
- October 26 | Highlight Worship Night (*Matthew 6:19-34*)

Sermon on the Mount - Week 5 (Matthew 5:33-48)

1. What does this passage have to say about keeping your word? Why do you think being truthful matters?

2. The world often says, “get even” when someone hurts us. How is Jesus’s way of responding different?
3. Is there someone you’re finding hard to love right now? How might remembering how Jesus loved change the way we treat that person?

Sermon on the Mount - Week 6 (Matthew 6:1-18)

1. Jesus warns against doing “good things” just to be noticed. What might that look like today?
2. When Jesus teaches about prayer (verses 5-15), what’s one thing that really stands out to you?
3. Thinking about Jesus’s teaching on prayer, is there anything you’d like to do differently when you pray?

Sermon on the Mount - Week 7 (Matthew 6:19-34)

1. Jesus says not to store up treasures on earth. What do you think he means by that? How could it shape what we want or work for?
2. In verses 22-23, Jesus talks about our eyes. Why do you think what we watch and focus on is so important?
3. In verses 25-34, Jesus talks about worry. What part of his teaching about anxiousness do you find most helpful or encouraging?

Sign Up to Serve at the CBC Fall Festival!

On October 19, from 4:00-6:30 PM, CBC will host our annual Fall Festival! This is a fun event with a trunk-or-treat, inflatables, food trucks, and more—but it’s also a meaningful opportunity to share the gospel with our community. Each year, we welcome over 1,000 guests onto our church property.

We need everyone to serve to make this event a success! This is a great chance for your whole family to serve together. You can sign up to host a trunk or explore the many other service roles using [this link here](#). Sign up today!

Fall Parent Survey

Parents, thank you to everyone who has already taken a few minutes to complete the Fall Parent Survey! If you haven’t had a chance yet, I would greatly appreciate your input. Your feedback helps the student ministry team know how we can better serve families this semester and in the months ahead. You can complete the survey using [this link here](#).

Recommended Resource of the Month

Following up on the Parent Survey, many of you mentioned technology concerns as a unique challenge in this season of life. I want to recommend this article from Crossway: “Practical Tips for Parents of Scrolling Kids” by Brett McCracken. He is also the author of *Scrolling*

Ourselves to Death: Reclaiming Life in a Digital Age, a book that helps Christians think about spiritual formation in the midst of our digital world. You can check out the free article using the link below.

[Practical Tips for Parents of Scrolling Kids \(Click Here!\)](#)

As always, please let me know if there's any way I can be praying for you or your family.

By God's grace and for his glory!

Justin Lorig

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Lorig". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Justin" and "Lorig" being capitalized and prominent.