

Dear Parents of Middle and High School Students,

The new school year is officially here! With it comes the start of our fall Student Ministry programming. In this month's Parent Letter, you'll find details about upcoming events, our recommended resources, and discussion questions to use at home that connect with what we're studying together on Sunday nights at Highlight.

### **Student Equip - The Nicene Creed**

Beginning Sunday, September 7 at 9:00 AM, our Student Ministry will launch a three-week study on the Nicene Creed. To see why this historic creed is still so important today, check out Kevin DeYoung's article [\*Six Lessons We Learn from the Nicene Creed\*](#). If you'd like to read the Nicene Creed together as a family this month, check out [this link here](#)!

Here's an overview of what we'll be covering this month:

- September 7 - Nicene Creed (Session 1): God the Father and God the Son
- September 14 - Nicene Creed (Session 2): Incarnation to Dominion
- September 21 - Nicene Creed (Session 3): God the Spirit and the Church
- September 28 - Human ID (Session 1): The Origin of Man / The Image of God

### **Highlight - Sermon on the Mount & At Home Discussion Questions**

Highlight kicks off on Sunday, September 7! We'll start the semester with a pizza night, so send your student hungry. This fall at Highlight, we'll be studying the Sermon on the Mount. Below you'll find the teaching calendar along with discussion questions you can use at home—around the dinner table, on the drive home from sports, or whenever it works best for your family.

- September 7 - Highlight Fall Kickoff & Pizza Night (*Matthew 5:1-12*)
- September 14 - Highlight (*Matthew 5:13-16*)
- September 21 - Highlight Fall Block Party (*Matthew 5:17-20*)
- September 28 - Highlight (*Matthew 5:21-32*)

#### **Sermon on the Mount - Week 1 (Matthew 5:1-12)**

1. How should we understand the word "blessed" in the Beatitudes?
2. Which Beatitude stands out to you the most? Why?
3. What should we fix our minds on when facing persecution for following Jesus?

#### **Sermon on the Mount - Week 2 (Matthew 5:13-16)**

1. Why does Jesus use the images of salt and light?
2. In what ways will Christians look different from the world?
3. When are you tempted to shrink back and blend in with the world?

### **Sermon on the Mount - Week 3 (Matthew 5:17-20)**

1. What does this passage teach us about the Old Testament?
2. How does a disciple of Jesus have a different type of righteousness than the Pharisees?
3. Why is it important to remember that God sees not only our outward actions but also our inward heart?

### **Sermon on the Mount - Week 4 (Matthew 5:21-32)**

1. What does Jesus teach about anger in this passage?
2. Is there someone in your life you've treated unkindly or need to forgive?
3. How are adultery, lust, and divorce described here? What warnings does Jesus give?

### **Highlight Fall Block Party**

On September 21, Highlight will host our Fall Block Party from 6:00-8:00 PM. From 6:00-7:00 PM, we'll enjoy food, fun, and games on the front lawn of CBC. Then from 7:00-8:00 PM, we'll gather in the chapel for a worship night and a gospel message from *Matthew 5:17-20*.

Parents, we'll need a few extra volunteers to help make this event possible. If you are a church member and would like to serve, please email me at [justin.lorig@centrevillebaptist.org](mailto:justin.lorig@centrevillebaptist.org).

### **Student Band**

We're excited to be revamping and relaunching our Student Band for the fall 2025 semester at Highlight! One of our church members, Abigail Gray, who serves on the worship team, will be helping lead this group.

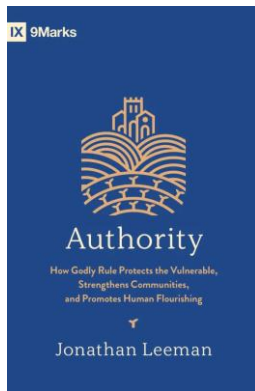
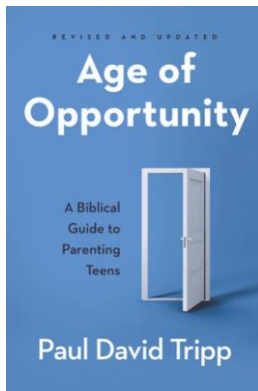
If your student is interested in joining, we'll host an interest meeting on Sunday, September 7 at 5:30 PM, right before Highlight. You can register your student for the meeting using [the link provided here](#).

### **Recommended Resources of the Month**

At last month's parent lunch, I shared two resources that I've found especially helpful on the subject of parenting.

- [\*Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens\*](#) by Paul David Tripp
- [\*Authority: How Godly Rule Protects the Vulnerable, Strengthens Communities, and Promotes Human Flourishing\*](#) by Jonathan Leeman

Both books are available through 10ofthose, which always offers \$1 shipping. Check them out and let me know what you think!



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!

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