

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus used culturally relevant stories to teach timeless kingdom truths to bring people to God.

### The world around us is filled with injustice, pain, and troubles.

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

### The life of a Christ follower is not immune to trouble.

...He causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and send rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:45B

## **Christ Followers are called to stand against injustice.**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:8-9

## Jesus is our example of how to engage in culture.

 $\dots$ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14

### TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We have been given gifts and passions that are meant to impact the world with the good news.

He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelist, the pastors and teachers to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:10-13

We are called to fight against injustice and stand firm through the power of Jesus.

What is your calling?

What gifts has God given you to join others and impact the world with the Good News?

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### **FOSTER CARE PANEL**

### **TODAY** @ 6:00-7:30pm at Westside Family Church

Are you interested in supporting kids in foster care, or want to but don't know where to start? Join us as we interview a panel of foster care parents from our church family. You will hear their stories and discover ways to support foster families. This will also help those who are interested in becoming a foster family.

# SUPPORT FOSTER FAMILIES, SIGN UP FOR THE CARE PORTAL.

Connect with the largest network of caring people to take action and meet the needs of local foster kids and foster families.

Sign-up: westsideleavenworth.com/foster

### **MY NOTES:**



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## **TEACHING SUMMARY:**

Everyone who calls upon Jesus as Lord is given certain gifts and passions that are meant to drive you to engage the world with the Good News.

But why do we need to do this? There are two good reasons.

First, if you look around at the world it isn't hard to see that injustice is prevalent, pain is present, and troubles are affecting all of us.

Second, we are called to do so. We are called to follow the lead of Jesus, who left heaven to become one of us and face down the most devastating injustice in the history of the world, the sinful nature of mankind.

When we become members of the family of God, we are called to get messy, step into the lives of others, and engage in the mess in their lives. We are called to help carry the burdens that are weighing down our brothers and sisters. We are given gifts to do so.

What is your passion? What is your calling? Who are you drawn to help?

### **TALK-IT-OVER:**

When has someone one helped you when you needed it most?

How do you feel God has created you to help others?

What are you the most passionate about?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to share this with?

## **DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

Day 1) Psalm 23, 89:1-3

Day 2) Philippians 1:26-28

Day 3) 1 Peter 5:8-10

Day 4) 1 Peter 1:3-7

Day 5) Psalm 37:1-11

Day 6) 1 Corinthians 12:4-14