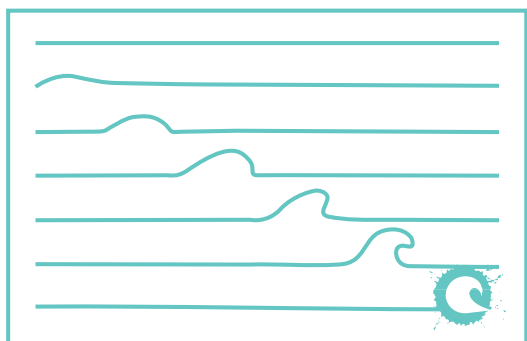


## Discussion Questions for the week of August 28, 2016



**BIG IDEA:** Wake is defined as the track left by a moving body or a path left by something that has passed. We call our ministry WAKE because we want to follow in the wake that Christ leaves and be an example to the world of what a changed life looks like. God goes before us, showing the way we should go and giving us the power to get up and keep going.

We must trust in Christ and not try to go through life on our own strength. But some of us try to do it all on our own or fall flat on our face. We must stay connected to him through his Word and keep riding through life, but many of us let go and coast on the "camp high" Are you riding in His Wake? Grab on and let Christ do the work.

### ICE BREAKER:

Have you ever wakeboarded? Tubed? Waterskied?  
What was your worst wipe out?

### DISCUSSION:

1. What are you looking forward to most this year about small group?
2. What is the definition of a Wake? (Defined as the track left by a moving body OR the path left by something that has passed.) Are you following in God's Wake? How?
3. Read John 15:1-11. What does it mean to abide with Christ? (How is abiding like staying in the WAKE?)
4. Read John 15:5. What is it that this verse says we are able to do without Jesus and in our own strength?
5. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Are *you* trying to do the work of salvation and redemption? Are you *able* to clean yourself up? Are you trying to do "good works"?
6. If you are trying to or "do it yourself" with good works, then do you truly believe Jesus has saved you?
7. What is one thing or one area of your life that you can lay down and trust in Him (even if you say you're not trying to do it yourself)? Where have you attempted to "pull your own rope"?
8. Read John 15:6. Scripture is the "rope" that connects us to God (the boat). How are holding on to scripture as the lifeline between you and the source of power, God? What is your plan to consistently be in scripture, to "devote daily", as apart of your relationship? What's an area of your life that you feel failure or shortcoming in and you need to ask for the Lord's guidance, direction, and peace?

### APPLICATION:

9. Reread John 15:9. How are you abiding with Him now? Be Specific.
  - \*7<sup>th</sup> Graders: How would accountability fall in as abiding? How will you implement accountability as as SG?
  - \*8<sup>th</sup> Graders: How would leading out at WAKE fall into abiding? Where does God call you to leadership?
10. Where are you at? Think of the wakeboard analogy - Are you still holding on to the rope and growing in strength? Are you trying to pull yourself up? Have you fallen off and are just sitting in the water scared to get back up again? Are you just coasting after the "camp high" but are about to sink in the water?