



Discussion Questions for the week of September 11

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 he 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.

After a while, we tend to get comfortable riding in the "WAKE". What would it look like in your life for you to get outside what's comfortable, for you to jump the wake? What kind of life does Christ call us to live?

ICE BREAKER:

School sports, college sports, and pro leagues have all officially started back. If you could be on any sports team or company who would you play/ perform for? What position or role?

DISCUSSION:

1. Read John 14:6-14. Who do you say that Jesus is?
2. Read John 14:10-11. What are some of the miracles you see Jesus do in the gospels?
3. Read John 14:12. This is crazy! He says "if you have faith in Him, you will do the works he does and more!" Miracles today are stories of life change. What are ways you have seen God at work in the lives of people around you?
Kids in small group, at school, your own life. Let students think on this, if they get nothing share some stories you are seeing around you or in them.
4. We must push ourselves "out of the wake" in order to grow and see God work, we must get outside what is comfortable (at church), and see the power of God at work. What are ways you have gotten outside of your comfort zone lately? What are specific ways you can challenge yourself to get outside your comfort zone?

APPLICATION:

5. We hope you come to Wake and are filled, we hope small group is refreshing and spiritually builds and challenges you. So what does it look like to take all this pouring into your life and get out of your comfort zone? What does it look like to jump the wake and pour out?
To be specific, what would it look like for you to jump the wake this week?
What is God calling you to do that's scary or uncomfortable?
Do you believe that He has not only called, but CREATED you for such a thing/time as this?
6. 7th and 8th graders – are you living your life for Christ and growing in Him or are you staying where it's comfortable. How have you taken what you have learned in the last year or two and applied it to your life or shared it with someone else?
7. Remember how James 1: 23-24 says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror." Are there areas of your life where complacency sets in? Where you're tempted to just be a hearer? (THINK: spiritual disciplines, like Harrison's point of scripture memory, devoted prayer, reading daily etc.)
Leaders you may need to define complacency for your kids ☺
8. 1 John 4:11-12 says, "Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us." Does your life demonstrate God's work and transformation in you? How? How can your life this week by your words and actions?
9. What were your goals a few weeks ago at the beginning of small group, where did you want to grow spiritually this semester? How are you doing so far at taking action to discipline yourself in those areas? How can we as a small group encourage you and keep you accountable?