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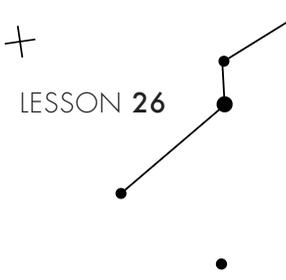
EMBRACING THE LIFE OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

Dear Parents,

Hello! We're continuing our study entitled The LIFE, a yearlong look at discipleship and what it means to follow after God. This week's lesson was an opportunity to see how we are following God together. We want our students to develop relationships with one another that are helping them grow in their relationship with Christ.

This week, the lesson was entitled "A Disciple Embraces Christian Community: Disciples Learn in Community with One Another," and it focused on helping students see that embracing Christian community means growing in their knowledge of Christ together.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:
- Colossians 1:3-12
- Acts 2:42-46

These passages talk about how the message of Jesus spread around the world at the time, but it did so through groups of people who were following God together. God does not call us to grow in our faith on an island by ourselves. Instead, He surrounds us with other Christ-followers who are growing too.

One of the 'forever' groups that God gives us is our family. I'm praying for you this week as you lead your family to grow in their knowledge of Christ – *together!*

NEXT STEPS . . .
During the week, look for ways to encourage your teenager as he or she reflects on what they are learning. Consider using some of these prompts to start conversation.
- One of the things we asked our students to do this week was to write down a specific way that they feel like God is calling them to invest in their relationship with Him. Ask your child if they will share their goal with you.
- Do you ever feel like you are alone in your faith? (For bonus points, share with your child about a time you have felt this way and what God taught you through it.)
- Why does God call us to grow in our knowledge of Christ? (See Colossians 1:10 for help here. Read this passage again with your teenager.)

Thank you for all you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.