

THE LIFE

EMBRACING THE LIFE OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

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Dear Parents,

I hope your week is off to a great start! As you know by now, we've spent nearly the last year studying what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus. Our last unit of the year will look at the cost of discipleship. This week, the lesson was entitled "Discipleship is Not the Easiest Road." Our lesson focused on helping students understand that being a Christ-follower is not easy, but that it's the only path to experiencing the life God desires for us. Students were asked to identify challenges 21st century teenagers face and to brainstorm ways they can rely on God to see them through them.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- Matthew 7:13-14
- Luke 13:22-24
- John 14:6

Please take a few minutes this week to read these passages.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help him or her to understand and apply what he or she has learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What did Jesus mean when He said to enter by the narrow gate or narrow door?
- What are some difficult things you face as a teenager and Christ-follower? (This would be a great time for you to share some difficulties you faced as a teenager and some difficulties you face now.)
- Why do you think following Jesus is difficult?
- What are some ways that our family can rely on God to get us through the tough times?
- What encourages you about walking the difficult path of following Jesus? (This would be a great time for you to share verses or truths that encourage you as a follower of Christ.)

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