



WEEK 3

1. WHAT ARE SOME AREAS YOU WOULD LIKE TO GROW IN YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST?

2. HOW HAS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF “FOLLOWING CHRIST” CHANGED OVER THE YEARS?

3. DO YOU THINK SERVICE IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL IN FOLLOWING CHRIST? WHY OR WHY NOT?

4. WHAT THINGS CURRENTLY, OR IN THE PAST, ARE HINDERING YOU FROM GROWING IN YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST?



WEEK 3 | FORERUNNERS AT HOME

Challenge your family to play COMMON BOND with you. Below is a list of three words grouped together. See if your family can guess the common bond between each set of words. The answer is in parenthesis following each set.

- Chalk, surf, skate. (boards)
- Slumber, birthday, surprise. (parties)
- Shoulder, lily, note. (pads)
- Wish, funny, doggy. (bones)
- Library, Bible, bag. (things that contain books)
- Guard, hot, poodle. (dogs)
- Wedding, door, tardy. (bells)
- Picnic, pool, foosball. (tables)
- Swiss cheese, donuts, bowling balls. (things with holes)
- Earth, book, inch. (worms)

After the game, ask the following questions:

Was it easy or hard to figure out what each set of three words had in common?

What about in life...is it easier to notice what we have in common with other people, or how we are different?

What are some things that are true about every single person on the planet?

Here's some shared traits to help you with that last question: We all need food/water/shelter to survive, we all have hopes and dreams, we all desire to be loved, we are all made in the image of God, we all need Jesus to forgive our sins, etc.

READ TOGETHER COLOSSIANS 3:14

Say, "Paul wrote in his letter to the Colossians that love binds everything together. Our church family has a common bond—God is calling us all to help people find and follow Jesus! We should show love to each other in two ways:

CELEBRATE our differences- How cool is it that God has created such diversity in the world?! Every shade of skin color is beautiful, every language is music to God's ears, and every different gift and talent is a chance to honor God in the world! How boring would it be if everyone thought and acted exactly the same?! We can celebrate that we are all different, yet each wonderfully made by God.

DISCOVER our common bonds- Do you know what it takes to find out what you have in common with others? Talking with them! Spending time with them! Having a relationship with them! Loving our church family means discovering who they are, what they care about, and how we can serve each other."

Close your time together by praying for the people of Rush Creek. Pray that we can love each other and stay unified together as we help people find and follow Jesus.

Pray for the people at your campus.

Pray for people at Rush Creek's other campuses.

Pray for people in your community who need to be a part of Rush Creek, but aren't yet.