



Hey Parents,

I pray your week is going well. Here is what we will be going through in the month of September at Buffat Student Ministry. My prayers is that you take these topics and begin to have meaningful conversations with your students about their personal walks with the Lord. The ultimate aim is for your family to grow closer together as you all grow closer to God.

Sunday Mornings Sunday School:

We are continuing our walk through **the Gospel of Mark** and are watching the story of Christ unfold through this gospel account. We will be reading through **Chapters 5-9** which covers **the meeting of the demon possessed man from the Gerasenes through the Transfiguration**. Each week, I'll send out a text & email with questions you can ask of your students as they read through this book. I'd encourage you, as part of your own devotional time, to read through these chapters with your students.

For those who do not know, each week, I provide paper copies of a Daily Bible Reading (DBR) for them to use as they develop the practice of reading their Bible daily. This DBR will be posted to social media each week as well so that they know what we will be covering the following week. This is one of the methods I am using to encourage them to spend time with the Lord daily. I'd love to partner with you in this.

Sunday Nights (Ask Anything) @ 6:00 PM (Starts September 8):

When we gather on Sunday nights, our goal is for students to have an environment where their questions about the faith can be heard and addressed. The format is such that I come prepared with several questions for them to consider and provide reasons for why they believe what they believe. If they have questions that pertain to the topic for the week or questions that arise from their personal reading, we will address those as well. We always center our beliefs on what the Bible says and make that our final authority on any and every topic. In September, we will begin talking through questions pertaining to **God's Plan for Salvation**. We will center our discussions on what salvation through Christ means and how God desires to have relationship with them. I would encourage you to have conversations with your students about this topic to broadly see what is going on in their mind and heart.

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM

We come together during the week to worship, learn and spend time growing. Our typical format is to praise God through song then go into a time of teaching. After this, we break off into small groups and dive deeper into the topic being taught in a relaxed environment where they can ask questions and really flesh out how the word of God is applied to our lives. These groups are facilitated by small group leaders who will be actively helping them grow in their faith and walk with the Lord. This month, we will be starting a series called "**The Struggle**." This series will take place over the next **5 weeks** and will cover feeling inadequate, navigating grief & sadness, feeling unwanted or left out, feeling misunderstood, and feeling inferior to others. Each week, I'll plan to send out an email summarizing the lessons and attaching some of the discussion questions they would have addressed within their groups.

Upcoming Events:

We are also looking forward to these events in the months ahead, so make sure you mark your calendars so that your students can participate.

- **September 7** - End of Summer Party - At the home of Scotty & Kiki Lee - cookout, pool party, bon fire and moonlight manhunt. Students will meet us at their home and an email has gone out with the address included. **We will start at 6:00 PM and plan to be done by 9:30 PM.** There is no cost but we ask them to sign up so we know how much food to prepare.
- **September 17, 19, 24 & 26** - Secret Church - Jonah Study - We will be meeting at the church from **6:00 - 8:30 PM** each of these nights to go through a study on the book of Jonah. The details about this study are discussed in a video posted on BHBC main Facebook page as well as YouTube. They will not have to attend all 4 nights of the study but only 1 from each week. Students are encouraged to attend as this study is for all ages from Middle School and up.
- **September 25** - See You at the Pole (SYATP) - Students and staff encouraged to gather around the flagpoles at schools and pray for their school and community. We encourage all students to participate and I'll be at one of the local schools.

Thank you for allowing us to invest in the life of your student, and know that we are grateful for this opportunity to partner with you in discipling them. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My number & email are **904 966 1433 (text) & jball@buffatheights.org (email)**. Thank you for your willingness to help your students grow in their faith. We appreciate you!

In Him,

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