

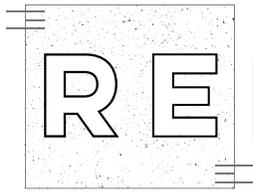
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2018 SUMMER
YOUTH WEEKS

MONDAY QUIET TIME DEVOTION

Note to Leaders:

Please take a few minutes to make copies of this first camp quiet time for everyone in your group. We have found that students who have done a quiet time prior to arriving at camp are more prepared for the week ahead. We have also found that giving the devotion to the students on the drive to Caswell – first thing as they begin the trip, right after lunch or about 30 minutes prior to arrival – begins their preparation for the awesome week ahead. If on-the-way is not possible, please make time once you arrive at Caswell for the students to read the devotion before they attend evening worship in Hatch. Thanks for your help in this matter, and we look forward to seeing you soon!



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(re)imagine

Are you ready to re-imagine your world? That is exactly what we will do this week. We will look at several parables of Jesus and other teachings that go along with them. By studying these parables, we will see Jesus gives us a new way to look at the world. You may have viewed things in a certain way for many years, but when you study Jesus' teachings, you may find He wants you to see the world in a different way. He wants us, as Christians, to live in a different way than what the world tells us. This week, as you study the parables of Jesus, try to re-imagine the world in the way Jesus teaches.

(re)ad

Read Psalm 78:1-7. Verses 1 and 2 are our theme verses for the week.

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

(re)think

Have you ever heard the saying, "Everything old is new again?" Sometimes things that were popular a long time ago become popular again. Look at verse 2. The author says he will use a parable to speak about two types of things. What are they?

If we are going to look at the world in a new way (re-imagine it), why would we look at parables when the author tells us parables reveal hidden and old things? By saying Jesus wants us to look at the world in a "new way," what we really mean is a "different way." The truths we will learn from parables aren't really new; they have been around forever. However, for many of us, the truths that parables teach are hidden, because we see through the world's lens.

By reading and studying Jesus' parables and teachings, you will find a way of viewing the world that may be new to you. Hopefully when you read the stories of Jesus, you will learn to re-imagine the world based on His old/new truths about salvation, forgiveness, justice, worldview and relationships.

(re)flect

Take a few minutes to examine your view of the world. What foundation informs your thoughts and views? Try to see things in a different way this week. Get ready to re-imagine your world!

(re)spond

Spend time in prayer and ask God to help you be open to lessons He will teach you this week. Ask Him how you can re-imagine the world based on His teachings.