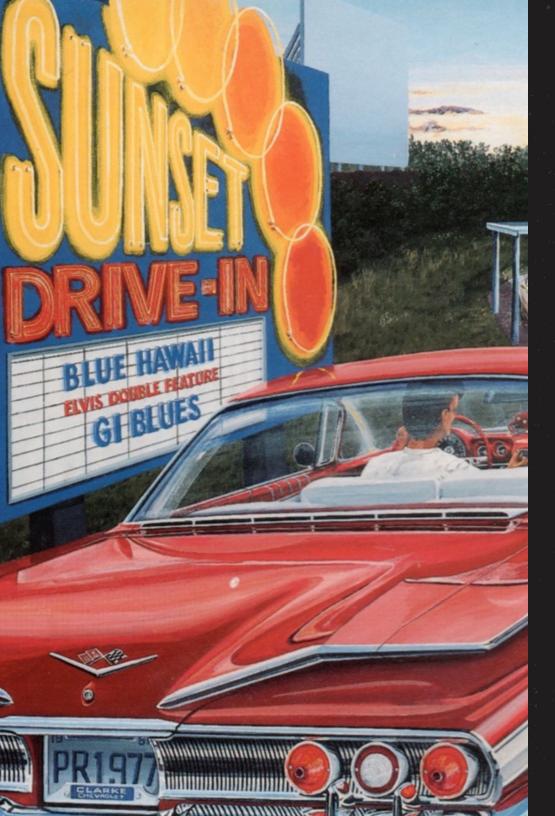


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NAME & TEAM



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MISSIONS

D E V O T I O N A L

We are all called to 'join Christ daily in the restoration of all things.' This week we have an opportunity to do just that by loving our neighbors and investing in our greater community. You will see how Peachtree's partnerships are helping to change the lives of others and restore what is broken. It's also an opportunity to experience change in your own life. Devotional time will be an important part of your experience. We will spend time in small groups building relationships, reflecting on how we've been pushed out of our comfort zones, and talking about how our lives might look different as a result of this week.

RELATIONSHIPS

We are all created in the image of the Father, Son, and Spirit. We were made for community and God will use the relationships you form with others during this week to impact your life.

DISRUPTION

We grow when we are stretched beyond our comfort zones. This is true in our schools, extra-curricular activities, and spiritual journeys. You might ask new questions about God and our world.

REFLECTION

In a mission week, it's easy to focus on what we are going to do. However, it's even more important to reflect on what God is doing in and through us.

INTEGRATION

New experiences can influence the way we live our lives. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to change our perspectives, and change the way we live our lives following this week.



Paul, in Romans, makes it clear that we each have different gifts and roles in the kingdom of God. He makes the case for unity in our diversity; that we are uniquely crafted by God yet remain in the same body because of the work Jesus did on the cross.

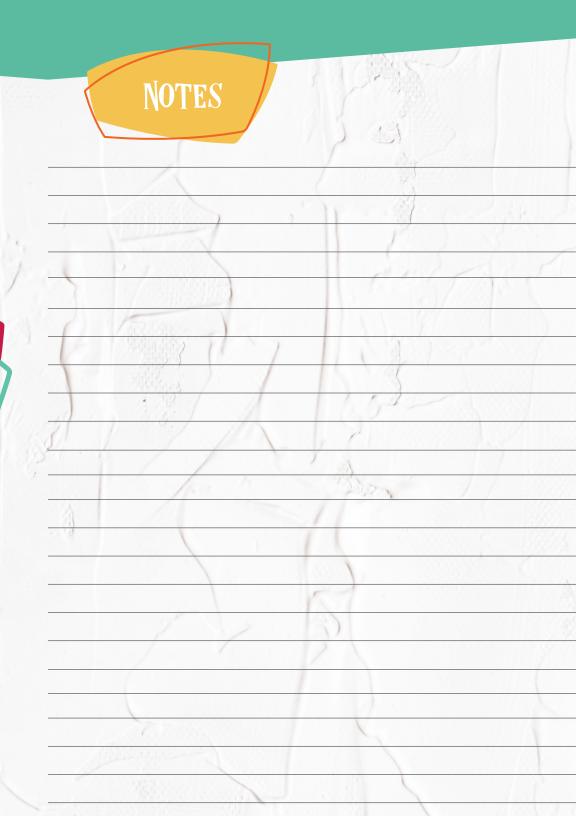
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Romans 12:4-8

Which of these gifts do you think you, or someone else in the group, might have? What other kinds of gifts do you see in yourself, or your family and friends?

Think about a time when your unique gifts encouraged someone else. How can the Lord use your gifts today?

EVENING REFLECTION

What did you learn today about your own God-given gifts?





"God is always at work for His glory and for the good of His people." Our God does not forget those who are hurting. He does not leave those who experience injustice of any type to stay there. Rather, He pulls His beloved children out of suffering because He knows each one fully well.

Psalm 10

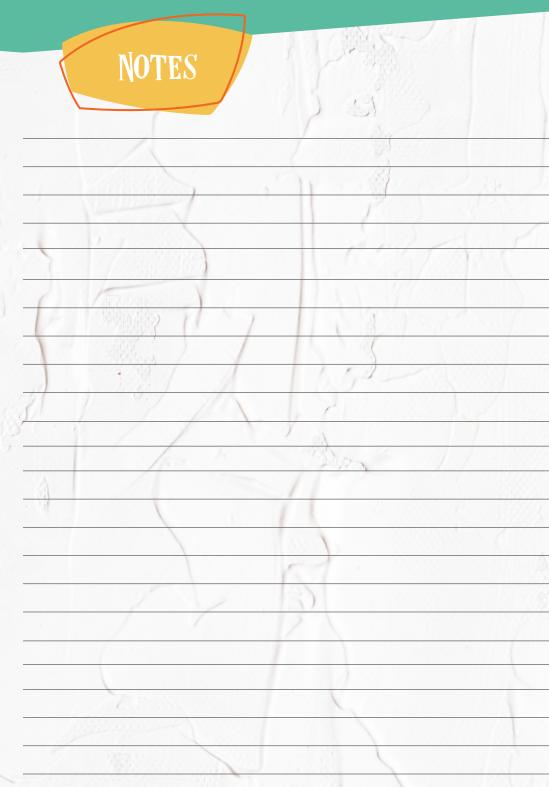
In verse 1, the psalmist wonders why God seems distant to suffering. Do you ever struggle with the existence of suffering in the world?

In verses 14, 17, and 18, the psalmist reveals God's heart for those who suffer. How would you describe God's feelings?

Spend time in prayer for our partners combatting issues of homelessness and food insecurity today.

EVENING REFLECTION

What is God showing you about his work of restoration in the world today?





Jesus calls us to love the Lord with all we have, but more importantly he calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. The action of justice is best shown by caring for people.

Luke 10: 25-37

What can we learn about God's heart in this passage?

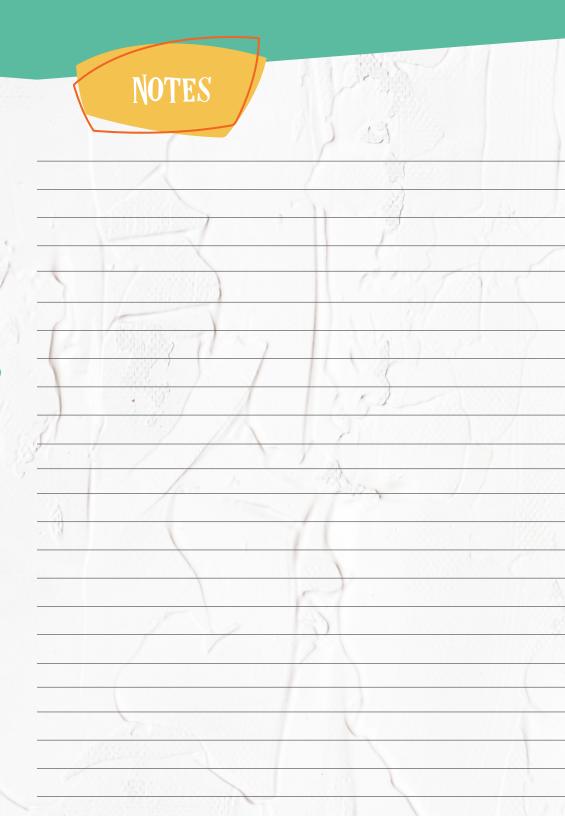
What does it mean to "go and do likewise" today, and throughout our lives?

Spend time in prayer for foster families in Georgia, and foster children seeking a safe temporary place to call home.

EVENING REFLECTION

What are some pressing issues in our community?

What is God calling you to learn more about?







What does it mean for Jesus to be the founder and perfecter of our faith?

How can we "walk/run/bike with endurance" today?

Remember to take time to pray as you get active today! Listen to worship music, pray alone, or alongside a friend. Pray for your local community, and for our city.

EVENING REFLECTION

What do you want to remember about today?





Pruning is the act of cutting away dead or overgrown branches. It is necessary for the health of the vine, and its fruit. We are called to do the same in our lives. It may require tough change. Jesus meets us and encourages us in this pruning process and calls us to remain in Him.

John 15:1-5

What kind of fruit do you think Jesus is talking about?

What kind of fruit have you seen this week?

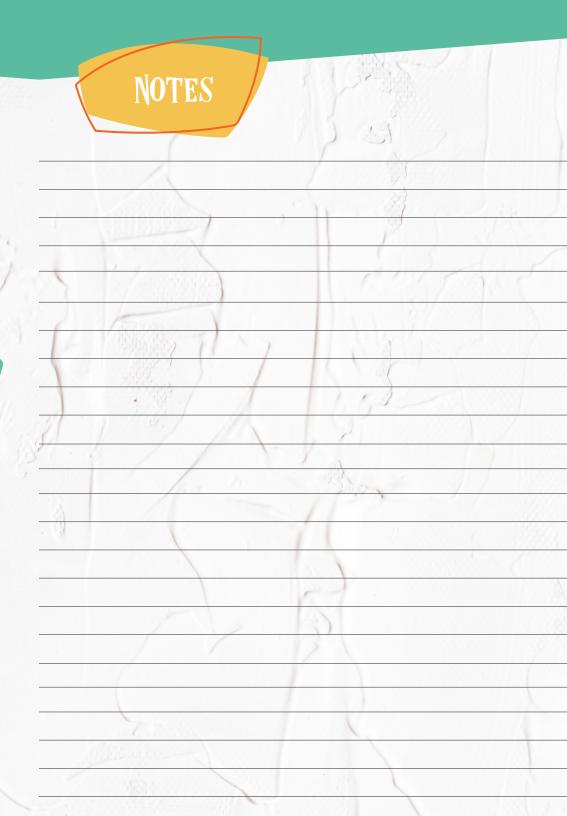
"Remaining in" Jesus means depending on Him. With so many distractions surrounding us, how can we remain in Christ in our daily lives?

Spend time in prayer for the work God has invited you into today!

EVENING REFLECTION

What was fruitful today? Pray for your new friends, your leaders, and those you came in contact with.

Spend time reflecting on God's heart for you, and our world. Where did God speak to your heart this week?



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