



Hey Parents,

I hope your week is going well! This October at Buffat Student Ministry, we have some exciting topics lined up. My prayer is that you'll use these as a starting point for meaningful conversations with your students about their personal journeys with the Lord. The ultimate goal is for your family to grow closer to one another as you all draw nearer to God.

#### Sunday Mornings Sunday School:

We are continuing our journey through the Gospel of Mark, watching the story of Christ unfold. This month, we'll be exploring **Chapters 10-13, from the rich young ruler to Jesus' teachings on the End of the Age**. Each week, I'll send out a text and email with questions you can ask your students as they read along. I encourage you to read these chapters with your students as part of your own devotional time.

I'll also continue providing paper copies of the Daily Bible Reading (DBR) to help them build the habit of reading Scripture daily. The DBR will be posted on social media each week so they know what we'll be covering next.

#### Sunday Nights (Ask Anything) @ 6:00 PM:

When we meet on Sunday nights, our goal is to create a space where students can ask questions about their faith and get meaningful answers. I come prepared with several thought-provoking questions to help them reflect on why they believe what they do. If they have questions related to the week's topic or from their personal Bible reading, we'll address those as well. Our discussions are always grounded in Scripture, which serves as our ultimate authority on every issue.

In October, we'll be focusing on questions about **God's Plan for Salvation and His Plan for Society**. We'll explore what salvation through Christ truly means and how God desires a relationship with them, while also discussing a Christian's role and responsibility in today's society. I encourage you to talk with your students about these topics and see what's on their heart and mind.

#### Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM

During the week, we gather to worship, learn, and grow together. Our typical format includes praising God through song, followed by a time of teaching. Afterward, we break into small groups for deeper discussion in a relaxed setting where students can ask questions and explore how God's Word applies to their lives. These small groups are led by leaders who are dedicated to helping students grow in their faith and walk with the Lord.

This month, we're starting a 5-week series called "**Fear Not.**" We'll explore many instances in Scripture where God's people are told not to fear, and we'll focus on "**Why**" they were given this assurance. Our hope is that by understanding why we shouldn't fear the world, we can live out our faith with strength and courage.

As a reminder, I'll send out a weekly email summarizing the lessons and including discussion questions that students covered in 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.

- **October 6 - No Sunday PM activities** — Due to fall break, we will not be having Sunday Evening activities on this night.
- **October 13 - Escape Room Adventure - 12 - 3 PM** — we will meet immediately following the Sunday School hour for lunch. After we are done with lunch, we will carpool from the church to the Escape room facility. Once we are done, we will head back to the church for pickup. We will also let parents know that we are heading back once we are done.
- **October 20 - Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off Sunday**
- **October 26 - Pumpkin Palooza - 5-7 PM** — If you would like to volunteer, please see Pastor Ben. The student ministry will be assisting at the booths and helping in other areas as needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to invest in your student's life. We are grateful to partner with you in their discipleship journey. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can reach me by text at **904-966-1433** or by email at [\*\*jball@buffatheights.org\*\*](mailto:jball@buffatheights.org). Thank you for your dedication to helping your student grow in their faith. We truly appreciate you!

In Him,

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