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OF FAITH

Dear Parents,

Your child is on a three-week journey of learning exactly what the Bible says about discipleship. I hope your teenager found this week's Bible study to be both exciting and challenging.

This week we went back to the Old Testament to see that even in the calling of Israel, God had discipleship in mind. We learned what discipleship looked like in the context of God calling a people to Himself. And we connected discipleship to the very character of God.

Your child was introduced to the idea that while the roots of being a disciple can be found in the Old Testament, the word takes on a whole new meaning in the New Testament. (We'll expand on this in Lesson 2.) We looked at Paul's words in Ephesians 2:15, where we learned that the gulf between God and us has been taken away and that the call to follow God is for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. We'll continue to look at how this plays out in our lives as disciples. It's going to be a great couple of weeks!

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- Psalms 128:1
- Deuteronomy 26:16-19
- Ephesians 2:13-18

If you get a chance, consider reading these passages as well, so that you have some context for following up with your teenager.

Next Steps . . .

I want to equip you to build on our time of study by talking through this concept with your child in greater depth. As you have time, consider engaging your child in discussion over the course of the next few days. Ask something similar to the following:

- What is the one thing that stood out to you in your Bible study? What did you remember that seemed essential or new?
- When you think of what challenges and opportunities face a teenage Christ-follower in today's world, what are some practical examples of how he or she might "walk in God's ways"?
- Which part of discipleship is more challenging to you, learning about Jesus or following His example of living? Why?

Please know that I am praying for you as a parent and that I'm here to help you in any way I can!