**Summit Youth Camp Thursday Morning Devotional**

**To begin, get a big piece of poster board and write “CHURCH IS….” Hang it on the wall. As kids enter ask them to write some answers or their definition on the paper. Go over the answers and discuss the importance of Church.**

**Talk about how this generation is often online with someone and doesn’t even know them. With Covid we all have been a little sheltered at home and afraid to interact.**

**There are many things that you don’t want to do alone.**

**Never go on a diet alone! Why? Never Play volleyball or tennis alone! Why?**

**WE ARE NOT MEANT TO DO THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE ALONE!! WE NEED EACH OTHER.**

**Play the game Willow in the Wind. It is a Trust exercises. (Look at the example on YouTube under Willow in the Wind game). Have your groups try this. After a while take away one member of the group and just say they had homework and couldn’t come to church. It will get a little more difficult. Now take away another member of the group and say they were just tired and wanted to sleep in. Take away another member and say they got their feelings hurt and didn’t want to come back anymore. Keep going until it is really hard and the person falls because no one is there to pick them up or hold them up. WE NEED EACH OTHER!!!**

**Read these verses: Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 and Galatians 6:1-5**

**What are these verses saying to us?**

**There are so many teenagers that are lonely and need someone in their lives. Do you know of anyone like this?**

**What are some purposes of Church?**

**(Have students Read the scriptures and come up with the answers, possibly do this in groups)**

**Psalms 95:1-6 John 4:23-24 Psalms29:2 To worship God**

**Colossians 1:10 Psalms 1: 1-2 Phil. 3:10 To get to know God**

**Acts 2:42 John 10:10 Mark 12:30 To find out how to live**

**Heb. 10:24-25 1 Corinthians 15:33 To fellowship with other believers**

**Ephesians 4:11-13 To become equipped to minister to others,**

**Galatians 5:13. 1 peter 4:10 To use your gifts to serve the family of God.**

**Are you just teenagers or are you part of the church?**

**How can you help lead your church?**

**Romans 12: 9 – 13 What are ways that you can outdo one another in showing love and honor?**

**John 13:34-35. How much did Christ love you?**

**How will others know the truth about Jesus? The bible says They will know us by our love for one another. Is this your youth group? Do students really love other students? We live in an awful world where no one encourages anyone.**

**Challenge student to encourage someone today that they have not encouraged before.**

**Close in prayer**