

## **Parent Letter – Rise Youth**

Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin another year with Rise Youth! Our goal is to keep you connected, encouraged, and equipped as you walk alongside your students. Here are a few important things we want you to know:

### **What We're Studying**

This fall, Rise Youth will be studying 1–2 Kings, tracing the story of God's people from the reign of Solomon, David's son, through generations of kings, all the way to the exile. These books don't shy away from showing us the reality of leadership gone wrong—most of the kings were unfaithful and led the people deeper into idolatry and sin.

But even during this decline, we see something greater: God's promises never fail. He had promised to send a Messiah, and nothing—not bad kings, not exile, not rebellion—could stop His plan.

The point of 1–2 Kings isn't simply to show us failure, but to point us to the one true King: Jesus Christ. From the very beginning, He was the one rescuing His people, and He is still faithful today. 1-2 Kings is so applicable to us today because in it we see that God's Word can be trusted and that He is faithful to His promises. So, trust Jesus, the promised King who crushed the head of Satan and reigns forever!

As students see God's faithfulness in the past, our prayer is that they will also see the hope we have in Him today—a hope that goes beyond the grave. This is the good news we long for them not only to believe deeply, but also to share boldly with others. We want to see our students foster a heart for evangelism, recognizing that because Jesus is faithful, His promises are sure, and His salvation is worth proclaiming.

Each week, students will be encouraged to read the passage ahead of time and come prepared to discuss it in their small groups. We invite you as parents to encourage them to stay engaged with the study at home—and even read alongside them if you'd like!

### **Our Small Group Leaders**

One of the greatest strengths of Rise Youth is our team of dedicated small group leaders. Pastor Peter deeply values these leaders—not only for their love for students but also for their faithfulness to walk alongside them in discipleship.

Students are placed in small groups very intentionally. Peter prays over these decisions and carefully considers both the students and the leaders, wanting every student to be in a group where they will be known, encouraged, and challenged to grow in Christ.

If you would like more information about your student's leader—or if you'd simply like to connect with them personally—please don't hesitate to reach out. We would be glad to help make that connection.

## How We Communicate

We want to communicate more often and more clearly this year, and we've updated our tools to help us do just that. Everything will now be streamlined through our Living Gospel Church app.

Here's how you can stay connected:

1. **Text Alerts** – Parents can still sign up for special reminders about events and deadlines. This does not require the app.
2. **Push Notifications** – This is our main way of communicating weekly youth updates. Once your profile is set up in the app, go to your profile, scroll down to **Notifications**, and “turn on” *Rise Youth Push Notifications*. These will show up in your inbox within the app and allow us to communicate more effectively with you.
3. **Rise Youth Messaging Group** – Join the conversation within the app to stay connected with other families. This is a place where parents and students can ask questions about youth events, the lessons, theology, parenting, really anything youth ministry related!

If you run into any issues, please don't hesitate to reach out—we want this to be simple and clear!



## Save the Dates

Each family will receive a magnet calendar with key dates and events for the year. Keep this on your fridge for easy reference!

## After the Meeting

We will send a follow-up text reminder through the Rise Group, letting you know this group will only be used for special event updates. We'll also share instructions for subscribing to Rise Push Notifications through the app.

Below you will see a breakdown of the chapters we are studying, week by week, so you can challenge your student to read ahead of the teaching on Wednesday nights!

## Rise Youth Reading Schedule: 1–2 Kings

This fall, Rise Youth will be walking through the books of 1–2 Kings. Encourage your student to read the passage ahead of time each week and come ready for discussion!

Date	Group Type	Passage
September 10th	Large Group Night	1 Kings 1:1–4:34
September 17th	Small Group Night	1 Kings 5:1–10:29
September 24th	Small Group Night	1 Kings 11:1–16:34
October 1st	Small Group Night	1 Kings 17:1–19:21
October 8th	Small Group Night	1 Kings 20:1–2 Kings 2:25
October 15th	Small Group Night	2 Kings 3:1–8:6
October 22nd	Small Group Night	2 Kings 8:7–12:21
October 29th	Small Group Night	2 Kings 13:1–17:41
November 5th	Small Group Night	2 Kings 18:1–21:26
November 12th	Small Group Night	2 Kings 22:1–25:30
November 19th	Large Group Night	Summary of 1-2 Kings

Thank you for partnering with us as we come alongside you in discipling your children towards Jesus!