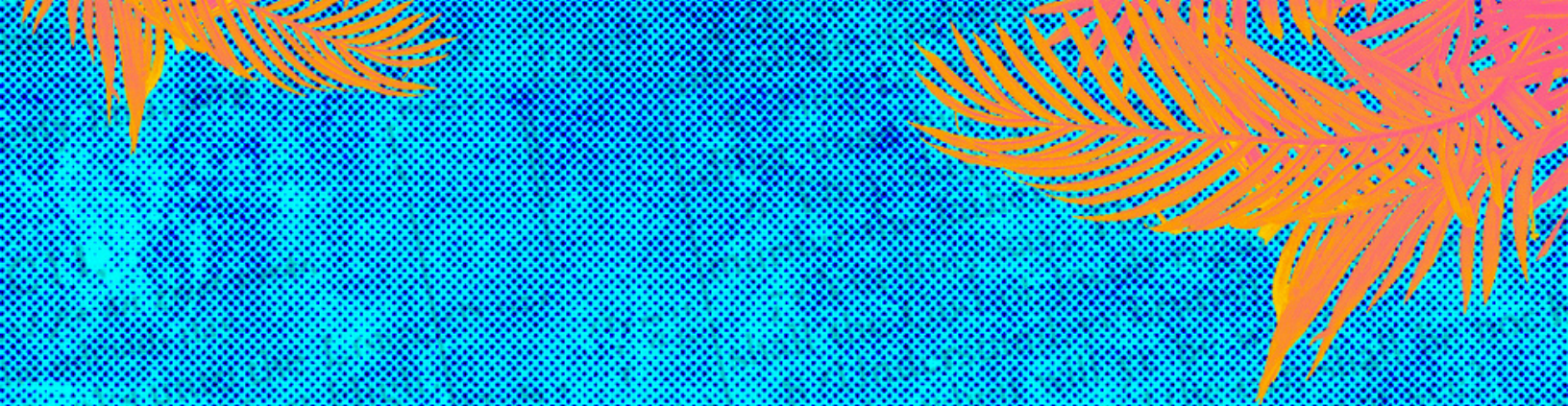
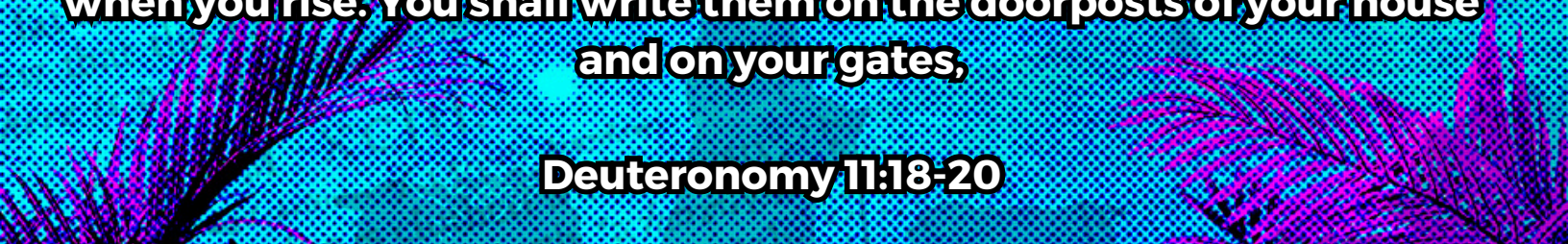




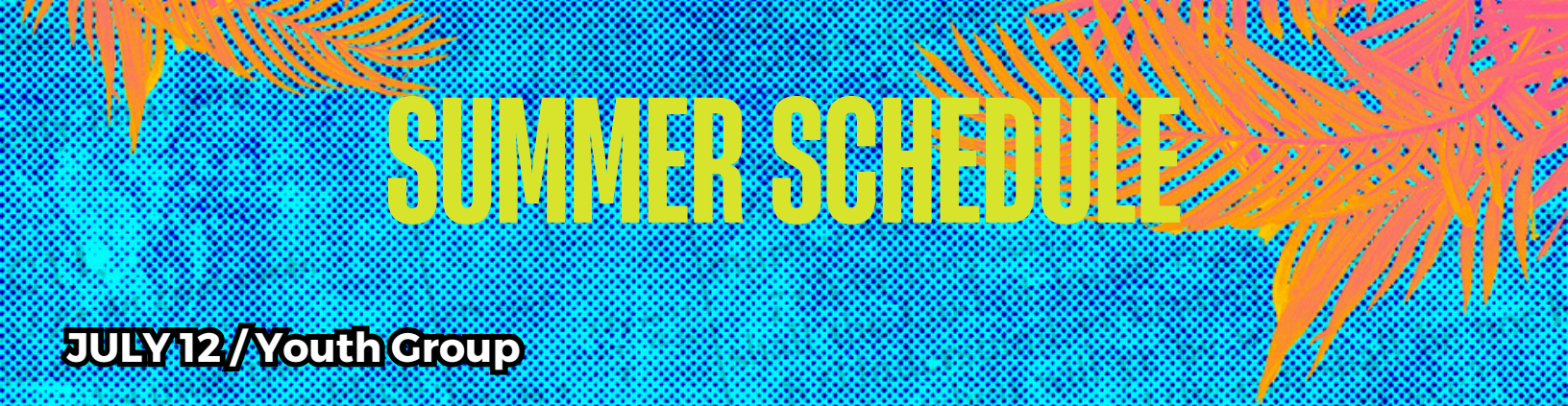
GRACE STUDENTS

DISCIPLE *@ Home*

You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,



Deuteronomy 11:18-20



SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY 12 / Youth Group

JULY 19 / Youth Group

JULY 26-30 / Youth Week 2026

AUGUST 2 / No Youth Group

AUGUST 5 / Backyard Family Nights @6:30pm

AUGUST 9 / Youth Group

AUGUST 12 / Backyard Family Nights @6:30pm

AUGUST 16 / Youth Group

AUGUST 19 / Backyard Family Nights @6:30pm

AUGUST 23 / Youth Group

AUGUST 30 / Youth Group



WEEK 1 – JUNE 14

Big Idea

Even when life is difficult, God will never leave us.

Scriptures Covered

Psalms 23:1-6, John 10:11-15, Matthew 18:12-13

Overview of the Sermon

This week we spent time in the most famous psalm ever written, Psalm 23. Rather than treating it as a piece of comfort trivia, we took it seriously as one of the most personal promises God has ever made to His people. We unpacked the shepherd-and-sheep imagery in a tangible way: sheep are not smart. They wander. They get stuck. They can't protect themselves. And a good shepherd doesn't leave when things get dangerous, he walks through the valley with his sheep, rod in hand, ready to fight whatever threatens them. The big idea: God doesn't remove the valley. He walks into it with you. Students were invited to write something they're trusting God with on a sticky note and place it on a wall labeled "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

A Thought for the Home

The valley image in Psalm 23 is one of the most honest things in the Bible. It doesn't promise that following God means avoiding hard things. It promises that the hard things won't be walked alone. If your student is in a valley right now (a difficult friendship, a season of anxiety, a loss, a fear about the future) this is one of the most meaningful moments you can have with them. Not to fix it. Not to minimize it. Just to say: "I see the valley. And God is in it with you. And so am I." Sometimes that's the most meaningful sermon. Seeing and hearing from you that God is with them in it and so are you!

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Discipleship Tip for This Week

The sticky note activity from the message was simple but powerful – students wrote something they're trusting God with and placed it somewhere visible as an act of surrender. Consider doing a version of this at home. Get a sticky note. Write something you're trusting God with as a family. Put it somewhere you'll see it – the fridge, the bathroom mirror, the dashboard. Let it be a shared moment of faith.

Continue the Conversation

- What's a "valley" in your life right now, something hard, heavy, or scary?
- Do you find it easy to trust God when things are hard? What makes that easier or harder for you?
- Who is one person you could show kindness or encouragement to this week, someone who might be in their own hard season?

Prayer Prompts for Your Student

- Pray specifically for any valley your student is walking through. Be specific, name the situation, the fear, the relationship. God already knows it; naming it in prayer matters.
- Pray that your student would feel God's presence in the hard places, not just know it intellectually, but genuinely feel that they're not alone.
- Pray for your home to be a place where your student feels safe enough to name the valleys, that they wouldn't have to walk through them silently.

Action Steps for the Week

1. Ask your student: "What did you write on your sticky note at youth group?" If they're willing to share, affirm it. If they'd rather not, that's okay too, just let them know you're asking because you care.
2. As a family, read Psalm 23 out loud together this week. It takes about two minutes. Let it just sit there afterward. You don't have to say anything profound.
3. Identify one person in your extended family or neighborhood who might be in a valley right now. As a family, decide on one way to show up for them this week (a meal, a text, a visit, etc.).