



## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### 1. THE BIG QUESTIONS

Starting in September, our ministry year will kick-off with a fall unified theme. Our 6th grade, middle school, and high school groups will all use a curriculum developed in cooperation with the Fuller Youth Institute and Orange. *The Big Questions* series is based on Fuller's research work and publication entitled *3 Big Questions that Change Every Teenager*.

### 2. HC AND ME

We will be reintroducing the *HC and ME* Heidelberg Catechism curriculum in 6-, 5-, and 3-week teaching blocks. These teaching blocks will highlight specific themes from the catechism organized into units. The three units we will cover this year are: Unit 1, Our Only Comfort, Unit 2, Created by the Father, and Unit 3, Saved by the Son. The third theme follows Easter and explores the significance of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

### 3. XP3 MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our third and final curriculum is the XP3 Middle School series from Orange. This is the curriculum that we have been testing over the past two years. We will intersperse topical lessons between the *HC and ME* teaching blocks. Here is a brief preview of each series:

*Let's Talk About* is a single lesson about doing life together in Biblical community. The theme verses are Hebrews 10:24-25 and Colossians 3:12-14.

*It's Just A Lot* is a shortened two-week series about how we can look for God when we are overwhelmed with stress and worry.

- Week 1 Theme: You can trust God with a lot. Theme Verse: 1 Peter 5:7
- Week 2 Theme: God keeps you safe when it feels like a lot. Theme Verse: Proverbs 29:25

*Compass* is a four-week series on navigating what the Bible is, how we can use it, and what it means for our life today.

- Week 1 Theme: We read the Bible because God is in it. Theme Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16
- Week 2 Theme: Contest helps us understand the Bible. Theme Verse: Philippians 4:13
- Week 3 Theme: The Bible points to Jesus. Theme Verses: John 1:1, 14

*Caught Up* is a three-week series about comparison.

- Week 1 Theme: God doesn't compare you to others. Theme Verse: 2 Corinthians 10:12, 18; Proverbs 4:23
- Week 2 Theme: Celebrating is better than comparing. Theme Verses: 1 Samuel 18-8-9; Proverbs 14:30

- Week 3 Theme: Choose to see yourself the way God does. Theme Verses: 1 Samuel 18:3; 23:16