

Semester Planning - Spring 2025

Hello! This document gives you an overview of everything you need to know about the content for the Spring 2025 Switch Semester. At the top, you've got a Semester Snapshot that gives you a 30,000 foot view of what's coming. Underneath that is the Semester Breakdown where we take a closer look at the series and messages we'll be bringing to our students. The specific information for each series will be updated **two weeks before** that series begins. Up until that point, series and messages are subject to change. Hopefully, this information equips you to better lead your students to become fully devoted followers of Christ!

SEMESTER SNAPSHOT

Date	Message	Style
1/8	<i>A Letter to Young Leaders</i>	Live Speak
1/15	<i>A Letter to Young Leaders</i>	Video Message
1/22	<i>A Letter to Young Leaders</i>	Video Message
1/29	OSM (No Switch IRL)	N/A
2/5	SwitchBowl	Video Message
2/12	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Live Speak
2/19	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
2/26	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
3/5	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
3/12	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
3/19	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Live Speak/Panel Discussion
3/26	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/2	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/9	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message

4/16	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/23	Switch Easter <i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/30	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Live Speak/Student Team Teach
5/7	Switch Fights: Human Trafficking	Video Message
5/14	<i>Faith That Works</i>	Live Speak
5/21	<i>Faith That Works</i>	Video Message
5/28	<i>Faith That Works</i>	Video Message
6/4	Sixth Graders First Night <i>How to Grow Close to God</i>	Video Message
6/11	<i>How to Grow Close to God</i>	Video Message
6/18	<i>How to Grow Close to God</i>	Live Speak
6/25	Build Week (No Switch IRL)	N/A

A Letter to Young Leaders (January 8-22)

SERIES OVERVIEW: We are kicking off the series by walking verse-by-verse through a passage of 1 Timothy where the Apostle Paul instructs Timothy on the value of training in godliness. As we unpack the wisdom of these instructions, we will help our students build *godly habits*, become a *godly example*, and develop a *godly focus*.

MAIN IDEA: We become godly by training ourselves to do what we can and trusting God to do what we can't.

ANCHOR TEXT: 1 Timothy 4:7-16 NLT

MESSAGE TITLE AND STYLE:

- Building Godly Habits | Youth Pastor Live Speak
- Becoming a Godly Example | Message Video
- Developing Godly Focus | Message Video

🔑 KEY UPCOMING DATES:

- Live Speak - Jan 8
- OSM (No Switch IRL) - Jan 29
- Switch Bowl - Feb 5

📌 ▶ **Week 1: Building Godly Habits**

📌 ▶ **Week 2: Becoming a Godly Example**

📌 ▶ **Week 3: Creating Godly Accountability**

📌 ▶ ***SwitchBowl (February 5)***

Getting Relationships Right (Feb 12-March 19)

SERIES OVERVIEW: Throughout this series, we are deep diving into how we can have strong, healthy, and thriving relationships with God and with others. The first half of this series is focused on our relationship with God, others, and our family. The second half of this series is going to zero in on how to navigate romantic relationships wisely. To illustrate the key principles and practices we need to get our relationships right, we will be examining some of the best (and worst) examples from the Old Testament so that, when everything is said and done, our students will have the biblical understanding and the practical skills to live rightly with God and with others.

MAIN IDEA: The greatest calling of our lives is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others the same way Jesus does.

ANCHOR TEXT: ³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

MESSAGE TITLE AND STYLE:

- Loving God | Live Speak
- Loving Others | Video
- Honoring Family | Video
- Singleness | Video
- Who to Date | Video
- How to Date | Live Speak/Panel Discussion

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

- Live Speak - February 12
- Spring Break - Dates Vary
- Singleness Message - March 5
- Live Speak - March 19

Week 1: Loving God

MAIN IDEA: The most important relationship to get right is your relationship with God.

TEACHING TEXT: 2 God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Genesis 22:2 NIV

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? The most important thing we can do in our lives is love God with all that we are. Everything else flows from that. And, one of the best examples of someone who loved God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength is Abraham. A guy who lived by faith. Faith is trust, based on evidence, that leads to obedience. We show our love for God the same way, by trusting what He says, based on the evidence of what He’s done, and responding with obedience to His commands.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Confident that God is faithful. Inspired to live by faith. Hopeful that growing in their love for God will strengthen the other relationships in their lives.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Demonstrate their love for God by choosing to do everything God asks them to do.

GET PREPARED:

For Youth Pastors:

- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

For Leaders:

- [Bible Plan - Getting It Right With Others](#)

Week 2: Loving Others

MAIN IDEA: Love is a choice to sacrifice ourselves for the good of others.

TEACHING TEXT: 15 The king of Egypt said... 16 “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him...” 17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Exodus 1:15-17 NIV

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? Loving others is about so much more than strong feelings or positive thoughts. It’s a decision we make to sacrifice ourselves to serve them. Our love for others is revealed most clearly by our actions. The good news? God went first. He sacrificed Himself on the cross to rescue us from sin, repair our relationship with Him, and restore our purpose. Because we have received His love, we can now show it to others.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Grateful that God loved us first. Challenged to sacrifice their own wants and desires to help others. Confident that love is the thing that will strengthen their relationships with others.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Choose to sacrifice themselves for the good of others.

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Week 3: Honoring Family

MAIN IDEA: Honoring your family means loving them regardless of how they treat you.

TEACHING TEXT: 19 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 ... And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. Genesis 50:19-21 NIV

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? Loving your family and treating them well can be really difficult. Especially when they don’t do the same for you. But, that doesn’t change the fact that God has commanded us to honor our parents and love our neighbors the way we would want to be loved (and your siblings do count as neighbors).

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Hopeful that they can strengthen their relationships at home by doing their part to love and honor their parents and siblings. Inspired to bring their best to these relationships even when it gets difficult.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Treat their parents and siblings with respect regardless of how they treat them.

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§ ▶ **Week 4: Singleness**

§ ▶ **Week 5: Who to Date**

Week 6: How to Date

MAIN IDEA: As followers of Jesus, we date with the goal of being holy in everything we do.

TEACHING TEXT: Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16 NLT

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? Dating can be really complicated and challenging. The opportunities to mess things up and compromise our integrity can seem endless. But, if we make it our goal to pursue holiness in everything we do, our chances of getting things right goes way up. And, when we do fall short, we can be confident that the grace of Jesus will be there to meet us.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Challenged to make holiness the goal of their dating relationships. Hopeful that even when they fall short the grace and mercy of Jesus will be there to meet them.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Date with the goal of being holy in everything they do.

GET PREPARED:

For Youth Pastors:

- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

For Leaders:

- Bible Plan - *Getting Dating Right (Coming Soon)*

§ ▶ ***The Lion and the Lamb (March 26-April 30)***

§ ▶ ***Switch Fights: Human Trafficking (May 7)***

Faith That Works (May 14-28)

SERIES OVERVIEW: One paragraph describing the key themes of the series.

MAIN IDEA: One sentence summary of this series.

ANCHOR TEXT: Scripture that the whole series is anchored in.

MESSAGE TITLE AND STYLE:

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🔑 KEY UPCOMING DATES:

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Week 1: Message Title

MESSAGE OVERVIEW: Write stuff here.

MAIN IDEA: One sentence summary.

TEACHING TEXT: *Primary Scripture message is teaching from.*

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? Two-three sentences.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Two-three sentences.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Two-three sentences.

GET PREPARED:

For Youth Pastors:

- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

For Leaders:

- Bible Plan -

Week 2: Message Title

MESSAGE OVERVIEW: Write stuff here.

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For Leaders:

- Bible Plan -

How to Grow Close to God (June 4-18)

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MAIN IDEA: One sentence summary of this series.

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