

## GSM Small Group 6 Year Plan

### 7th Grade:

Character: Old Testament people and their encounters with God. From the very beginning God has been at work in the lives of people. This study reveals how Old Testament people encountered God, and how the whole of the Old Testament points to the coming Messiah. It's hard to see the big picture of scripture, and have the fullest understanding Jesus and what He accomplished without this foundation.

### 8th Grade:

Christ: The Basis of our Faith. This study centers on the four gospels and focuses on Jesus Ministry, Miracles and Message.

### 9th/10th grade:

Community: The New Testament Church. We were created to live in community with one another. This study centers around the book of Acts and teaches about the early church and how the gospel spread throughout the world. Students will engage with the early church and begin to understand our role in the modern church.

\*This class will rotate curriculum on a yearly basis.

Reverb: Our lives echo in Eternity. This study centers around the book of Romans and focuses on God's overarching plan as well as His individual plan for each person to impact the world. God has a mission and purpose for all of mankind. (This is the intro-theology year)

11th Grade: As we grow, our lives become increasingly full of options and distractions. This study is built around the book of James and challenges students to focus on their personal relationships with God through practical applications that prepare them for life after GSM.

12th Grade: This one is a little different. This group will be challenged to live on Mission while modeling community to the underclassman. They will have multiple opportunities to serve both within the Student Ministry and the church. Within the student ministry they will at times be assigned to classes as "Jr. Teachers"; Learn to write and teach lessons as well as focus on subjects that are vital before entrance to college and the work force. These include: Apologetics 101, Missiology, Orphanology, Spiritual Disciplines and Stewardship. Their base study will focus around the book of Isaiah, and they will learn practical applications for living in relationship with God and other people through topics such as worship, justice, grace and the future.

\*There are several other "Topics/Subjects" that will be taught as well. Things such as evangelism, spiritual disciplines, and prayer are taught and modeled on a weekly basis and are a part of the fabric of what we do. Also, understanding that all of our students won't start in 7th grade, and that as this plan is launched a good many of our students won't cover all of the topics, during the December and June "teacher break" periods reviews of the age graded subjects will be presented in a large group format.