

CHOOSE YOUR FIRE

PARENT COMMUNICATION PACK

COPY + PASTE BEFORE THE EVENT

SUBJECT: This week at youth - Choose Your Fire

Dear parents and caregivers,

This week, our students will participate in **Choose Your Fire: Who's in the Group Chat?**, a Gospel-centered youth night about friendship, influence, accountability, forgiveness and restoration. Using Peter's two charcoal-fire moments in John 18 and John 21, students will explore how the people around us influence the people we are becoming.

Our central phrase is: **Love everyone. Forgive freely. Choose access wisely.** We will emphasize that Christian boundaries are rooted in love and obedience - not revenge, superiority or bitterness. Students will not be encouraged to end relationships impulsively or publicly identify other students as bad influences.

ACTIVITIES + SAFETY

The night may include the Cheap Chaos team game with food, balloons, water or messy props. Please tell us about allergies, sensory concerns or participation limits before the event. Students will never be pressured into food-based or messy activities. The sermon also includes an adult-led ceramic-plate object lesson. The plate is wrapped and broken on a protected surface while students remain at a safe distance; leaders use eye protection and gloves or tongs for cleanup.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: [DATE] TIME: [TIME] LOCATION: [LOCATION]

CONTACT: [LEADER NAME / EMAIL / PHONE]

Please reach out with any questions or information that will help us care for your student well.

AFTER THE NIGHT

COPY + PASTE FOLLOW-UP

Tonight, students learned that the easiest circle to remain in is often the one that asks nothing of us and holds us accountable for nothing. Peter's first fire led to compromise; at the second fire, Jesus brought truth, forgiveness, restoration and renewed purpose.

Your student received a seven-day devotional to continue the conversation. You do not need to interrogate them or ask them to name friends. The goal is honest reflection about influence, wise access and becoming a truthful, restorative friend.

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What was different about Peter's two fires?
2. What makes someone a safe and trustworthy influence?
3. How can we forgive someone while still setting a wise boundary?
4. What does accountability look like without shame?
5. Who are trusted adults you can talk with when a friendship feels unsafe or confusing?
6. How can our family become better at speaking truth in love?

CARE + SAFEGUARDING

If your student shares abuse, coercion, self-harm, exploitation, threats or immediate danger, respond calmly, thank them for telling you and follow appropriate safeguarding and reporting steps. Do not promise secrecy. Contact emergency or professional support when needed. Ministry leaders should follow their church's established reporting policies.

A SIMPLE PRAYER

Jesus, give our family wisdom about the voices we trust. Help us love everyone, forgive freely and choose access wisely. Make us people who tell the truth with love, welcome accountability and make room for restoration. Amen.