



Youth Ministry
January Challenge

**DON'T
JUST
TALK
ABOUT IT
BE
ABOUT IT**

January's Monthly Challenge:

Are you just going through the motions? Are you putting "things" above Him? Join us for January's challenge as we commit to His Word, allowing our actions to speak versus a verbal proclamation of our faith. January 1-31, the first part of your challenge is to intentionally **BE ABOUT** your Christianity everyday of the month and be prepared to discuss in group its importance. The second part of the challenge is to commit to making your growth a priority by attending and participating in the ministry's activities and discussions. *In addition to the obvious welfare of the challenge, there will be fun motivation to those that take part, but you must **BE ABOUT IT!**

There is no more relevant way to start the new year with a challenge that reminds and encourages one the purpose of their faith and that the purpose is a verb, an action. Too often we proclaim to be a follower of Christ yet our actions and commitment to Him does not reflect it at all. It becomes difficult to distinguish those of the world and those of faith. The purpose of this challenge is for you to assess whether you talk about your faith or you act on your faith through works, teachings, so that you may look more like Him. We all fall short. It is our human nature, but not not to try is an act of disobedience. As students we understand there are repercussions for not attending, participating, or studying. The same goes for being a student in His Kingdom. This life we have on Earth is for a little while. It behooves us to study, engage, and do the work for our eternity.



1. 1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

(To Believe and To Become)

2. Luke 6:46

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

3. Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter.**"

4. Matthew 12:33

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for **the tree is known by its fruit.**"

5. James 2:26

For as **the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.**

6. James 2:17

So also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

7. James 1:22

But be **doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31



What is a monthly challenge?

- A challenge is an invitation or a call to action. As disciples, we are to exercise His teachings and desires daily. Each month, students have a challenge, whether as a group or as an individual. The purpose of the monthly challenge is to stay engaged, doers of His Word, and grow in faith.

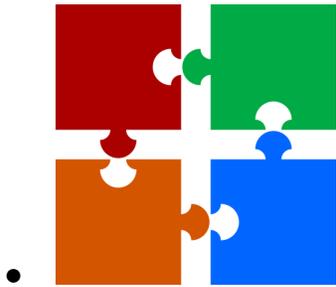
How does it work?

- It would be easy to assume there is not much to a challenge. It all depends on the purpose and the approach. There are four features that challenges have in common, regardless of simple or complex, school, church, or beyond.

The Puzzle of a Challenge

Let's break it down. (I bet you never thought this much into a challenge. LOL)

- ❖ The problem is the task, request, or issue ok students will address or solve.
- ❖ The method is the approach or procedure students will use to solve or complete the task.
- ❖ The product is the resolution, outcome, or the act of solving the problem.
- ❖ The conditions are the guidelines, rules, and standards for evaluating success.



What is the Biblical lesson behind a challenge?

- Challenges are training grounds that prepare us for God's plan & purpose for our future.

Our Prayer.

- Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching us that challenges are preparation grounds that prepare us for more significant tasks. Please help us to face our challenges boldly, looking on to you. In Jesus' name Amen.