



Chosen 2026

YOUTH CAMP
CHURCH TIME GUIDE



WHAT IS A CHURCH TIME GUIDE?



Immediately following Worship each night, your students and adults will gather as a group. You have the freedom to lead this however you feel is best. The purpose of this material is to provide a guide for you to use, if you so desire and need help structuring this time. These purposes for Church Time aim to foster a holistic and nurturing environment where students can grow spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. You may...

- **Continue Worship:** Church Time serves as an extension of the worship experience. It's a space where the spiritual fire kindled during the service can keep burning. Some students may have had profound experiences during worship, and this time allows them to share their decisions or reflections. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to delve deeper into the sermon's discussion.
- **Debrief and Connect:** This is a chance to connect on a personal level with your students. Simply checking in with them, asking about their day, and genuinely caring about their well-being are crucial for building meaningful connections. It's about creating a safe and caring environment.
- **Reflect and Acknowledge:** In the midst of a busy camp schedule, reflection is vital. It allows everyone to pause and process the day's events. This pause helps participants align their hearts with their thoughts and acknowledge the presence of God in their lives. Creating this space for reflection can be transformative.
- **Create Prayer Bonds:** Praying together is a powerful way to forge deep connections. It's not about the words spoken but the emotions shared. When you pray with and for someone, you show that you genuinely care. The feeling of being supported and loved through prayer can leave a lasting impact on students.
- **Relay Information and Announcement:** Sometimes, important information and announcements need to be conveyed. However, it's wise to time these at the end of Church Group Time to avoid disrupting the spiritual atmosphere established during worship. This ensures that the Spirit remains undisturbed.

A WORD FROM OUR CAMP PASTOR

Camp Copass Family, I am so honored to be a part of summer camp. My name is Dillon Chase, and my family and I are in prayer that your week at camp will be life changing. Understanding whose you are and being confident in the gospel that calls you chosen, changes everything. There are so many internal and external voices distorting what God wants you to know, "You are fearfully and wonderfully made."

My prayer is that you find clarity as we walk through God's word unhurried and observing all the beautiful details. I pray you walk away from camp with deep-rooted peace in understanding what it means to live chosen, to live free. If this is your first time at camp or you've been here before, I invite you to come with an expectancy to encounter God through His word in a meaningful way.

If you'd like to stay connected after camp or connect with God through music that reminds you you're chosen, follow me at [@dillonchaseok](#) or [dillonchasemusic.com](#)

Dillon Chase

SESSION #1

Key Text

Jude 22 – “Have mercy on those who doubt.”

Big Idea

Doubt does not disqualify you—Jesus meets you in it.

Because God is both merciful and gracious, we can bring our deepest questions and struggles to Him and find that He is still good, still present, and still pursuing us.

Response

Be honest about your doubt instead of hiding it.

Bring your questions, pain, and skepticism to Jesus, and trust that He will meet you with mercy—not rejection.

And for those who are strong in faith, respond to others’ doubt with compassion, not condemnation.

Summary

This message centers on the reality of doubt and the mercy of God. While some doubt leads to rebellion and requires correction, there is a kind of doubt rooted in pain, confusion, and unmet expectations—and Scripture calls us to respond to that with compassion. My personal testimony of doubting God’s goodness was shaped by both suffering and unfulfilled desires. Like the despair expressed in Psalm 88, this kind of doubt can feel isolating and hopeless.

However, the gospel reveals that our unmet longings point beyond this world, echoing the truth that we were made for more. In John 20, we see that Jesus does not reject Thomas in his doubt but meets him personally, even stepping through locked doors to do so. This demonstrates that nothing—fear, doubt, or distance—can keep Jesus from reaching us. Ultimately, even when our hearts and strength fail, God remains our portion and our anchor. His mercy sustains us, and His presence meets us right where we are.

Discussion Questions

1. What kind of doubt do you most relate to—intellectual questions, pain from suffering, or uncertainty about God’s goodness? Why?
2. Why do you think it’s difficult to be honest about doubt in a church or group setting? How does Jude 22 challenge that?
3. In the story of Thomas (John 20), what stands out to you about how Jesus responds to doubt? How should that shape the way we approach God—and others—when doubt is present?

SESSION #2

Key Text

Romans 8:12–17

Believers are no longer bound to the flesh but are led by the Spirit, adopted into God's family, and given a new identity as children and heirs of God.

Big Idea

Your identity is not defined by what you've done or what's been done to you—it is defined by what was done for you through Jesus. Because of that, you don't live for approval—you live from acceptance as a child of God.

Response

Open your hands and receive your identity from God instead of trying to earn it from others. Actively walk by the Spirit—turn from sin, deny yourself, and begin living from your identity as a son or daughter, not toward it.

Summary

We often build our identity on performance, validation, or past experiences, but those foundations don't hold. The gospel offers something deeper—adoption into God's family. Through Christ, we are not just forgiven—we are made children of God. This identity is secure, not based on our success or failure, and it reshapes how we live. Instead of being driven by guilt or fear, we are led by the Spirit and anchored in grace. Even in doubt or struggle, our identity remains steady because it is rooted in what God has done for us.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some things people your age commonly base their identity on? How have you seen those fall short?
2. What does it actually look like in daily life to “live from” your identity instead of “living for” it?
3. When you struggle with doubt or failure, what truths from Romans 8 can you hold onto—and how can those truths change your response?

SESSION #3

Key Text

Genesis 3:14–15, Genesis 3:21, Isaiah 53, John 16:7–8

Supporting: **2 Corinthians 8:9**

Big Idea

The heart of God is to rescue sinners—planned by the Father, accomplished by the Son, and applied by the Spirit.

Response

Receive the rescue God has provided by turning from sin and trusting in Jesus.

And then share that good news—because evangelism is simply telling God’s story of rescue, not creating your own.

Summary

From the very beginning, God revealed a heart to save. In Genesis, even in the midst of sin and judgment, God promises a coming Rescuer and demonstrates His mercy by covering shame. This rescue was not reactive or reluctant—it was planned.

That plan is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who stepped out of heaven into humanity. He lived a perfect life, identified with our brokenness, and willingly suffered in our place. Isaiah 53 paints a clear picture of this suffering Savior centuries before His birth, showing that our salvation came at the cost of His life. God justifies sinners by placing their sin on Christ and giving them His righteousness.

But this rescue is not just something accomplished externally—it must be applied internally. The Holy Spirit works in hearts, bringing conviction, revealing truth, and drawing people to faith in Jesus. Salvation becomes real and personal through the Spirit’s work.

The empty tomb is not just a historical claim—it is a transforming reality. The evidence of resurrection is seen in changed lives. Those who trust in Christ become living proof that the tomb is empty. This is the heart of God: to save, to restore, and to transform—and to invite us into that story.

Discussion Questions

How do you see God’s heart for rescue even in the early chapters of Genesis? Why is that significant?

Why is it important to understand that salvation is the work of the Father, Son, and Spirit—not just one part of God’s work?

What does it look like in your life to be “proof” that the tomb is empty? How can you share that with others?

SESSION #4

Key Text

Psalm 139:1-18

Big Idea

Being known by God empowers us to make Him known. Matthew 28:19-20 echoes the heart of Psalm 139 that He is with us always. Our darkness is not dark to Him.

Response

Be vulnerable with God and others - this is what knowing God and one another looks like. Determine a daily plan to pursue knowing God through His word. Respond to feelings of anxiety, fear, or hurt with the truth that you are known by God and He is with you always.

Summary

In God's original design, people thrived in a system where sin didn't separate them and they walked with God day by day. God knows us because He made us, but Jesus also said these sobering words will be heard by some when they stand before God, "Depart from me, I never knew you." This knowledge is deeper, it is relational and reciprocated - knowing God and being known by Him. Once we've been brought back into right relationship with God through Jesus, we can confidently share the gospel to the ends of the earth knowing God is always with us. God gives us His presence, we give Him our praise.

Discussion Questions

1. Psalm 139 shows that God knows everything about you—your thoughts, struggles, and even your darkest moments. How does that truth make you feel, and why is it sometimes hard to be fully honest with God or others?
2. If being known by God empowers us to make Him known, what might be holding you back from sharing your faith more openly? How does God's constant presence (Matthew 28:19–20) give you confidence?
3. What is one practical way you can pursue knowing God more deeply this week—and how can that help you respond differently to anxiety, fear, or hurt?

SESSION #5

Key Text

Jude 17–21 – “...keep yourselves in the love of God...”

Supporting texts: **Romans 8:38–39, Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:26–27, Matthew 26:39**

Big Idea

God’s love for you in Christ is secure—but you are called to actively remain in it by building your faith, praying in the Spirit, and waiting on His mercy.

Response

Take responsibility for your spiritual life by intentionally keeping yourself in the love of God: Build yourself up in the gospel (preach truth to yourself and stay rooted in God’s Word) Pray honestly and dependently through the Spirit. Wait with trust and expectation for the mercy that leads to eternal life. At the same time, rest in the assurance that God is the one who ultimately keeps you.

Summary

Many believers experience seasons where they feel distant from God or spiritually dull. This passage in Jude shifts the focus inward, calling Christians to examine whether they are actively keeping themselves in the love of God. While God’s love is ثابت and unchanging—nothing can separate us from it—our experience of that love can be affected by sin, neglect, or distraction.

Jude gives a practical framework: build, pray, and wait. We build ourselves up by grounding our lives in the truth of the gospel, continually reminding ourselves of what Christ has done. We pray in the Spirit, recognizing our weakness and relying on God to shape our desires and guide our communication with Him. And we wait—understanding that the Christian life is marked by hopeful anticipation, not instant fulfillment.

Importantly, this is not about earning God’s love. In Christ, we are already fully accepted and covered in His righteousness. Even God’s discipline is not punishment but loving transformation. So while we are called to actively pursue closeness with God, we do so from a place of security, knowing that He is the one who ultimately keeps us and will present us blameless with great joy.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some reasons people might feel distant from God, even if His love hasn’t changed?
2. Which of the three commands—building, praying, or waiting—do you find most challenging right now? Why?
3. How does understanding that God already fully loves and accepts you in Christ change the way you pursue your relationship with Him?