

Summer Reading Assignments Upcoming 8th Graders (2017-2018)

"I have been established, anointed and sealed by God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

All 8th graders are required to read the following books over the summer. There will be two assignments, a separate assignment for each book.

Assignment #1: A 4-6 minute oral presentation – summary & commentary with support (1/3 summary, 2/3 commentary)

Read - Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman

Are you a follower of Jesus? Don't answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. Consider it a 'Define the Relationship' conversation to determine exactly where you stand. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or, you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn't ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you're not into Jesus, period. In any case, don't take the question--- Are you a follower of Jesus?---lightly. Some people don't know what they've said yes to and other people don't realize what they've said no to, says Pastor Kyle Idleman. But Jesus is ready to clearly define the relationship he wants with his followers. Not a Fan calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple. With frankness sprinkled with humor, Idleman invites you to live the way Jesus lived, love the way he loved, pray the way he prayed, and never give up living for the One who gave his all for you.

Assignment #2: Book report and critique over the book in the Bible.

Read - The Book of James

Read all 5 chapters of James and make the connection of "living the Christian life" according to God's Word.

Here are a few things you might want to consider asking yourself when completing this report.

- What does a real relationship with Jesus look like day-in and day-out?
- What do daily realities of following Jesus include?
- What is the point of trials?
- What should we do when temptations come our way? How do we handle them?
- What is real faith?
- What do we need to bring ourselves under control?
- What is a must to have in life in order to know and obey God?

****Important! These will not be due on the first day of school, but the first week! We will discuss it the first day of class!**