



GEORGES RIVER YOUTH – TERM 4, 2020

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With Amos 5:24's encouragement, *'let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream'* at the centre, throughout term 4 GRY will explore what it means to have our hearts moved in alignment with Jesus' and the practical outworking of that in our daily lives.

We believe because every person is made in God's image we all valuable, beautiful, and worthy and therefore should be treated with equality and the same dignity. As a youth we strive to see people as God sees them and fight to see His Kingdom come. We strive to put others needs before our own, propelling us into costly, selfless sacrifice so that others may experience their God-given value.

To do this, Term 4 will have the following 3 running focuses:

1. **See, Think, Feel:** Teens see that the heart of Justice is seeing, thinking and feeling Jesus' heart for people
2. **Justice in Practice:** Putting into practice our call to act for Justice. The primary way we are doing this is through our November initiative but also lots of other small acts to help us practice what we are learning.
3. **Life Care Christmas Appeal:** Partnering with GRLC and Life Care in their Christmas Appeal

CHURCH'S LEARNING OUTCOME FOR 'RESET JUSTICE'

Because our church make a connection between their discipleship and the work of justice and what is uniquely Christian social justice, they step into tangible ways to stand up for others in their individual sphere, as a small group and as a wider community.

<i>This looks like</i>	<i>This means Church will</i>	<i>Therefore Youth will</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something about their Christmas looking different this year • A personal commitment to meeting the needs of others... • Personal engagement in at least one communal initiative • LC and Life church are seen as one. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Groups have 5 different examples of how they can tangibly act. • A strong emphasis on the clear connection between discipleship and works of justice • A strong focus on the message with the small group and daily rhythms for application sake (VIM) • Concrete examples of how to act and experience a win through testimony of others • We as a church/site mobilised around one key way of engaging with social justice • Rework Life Care Christmas appeal and initiatives to mobilise GRLC into social justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth will implement an initiative that equips each Pod to tangibly act in response to a social justice issue • A strong emphasis in teaching on the clear connection between discipleship and works of justice – including through testimony • Youth Christmas Party will look different – works in partnership with LC and GRLC Christmas Appeals

TERM 4, 2020 TEACHING CALENDAR

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TEACHING AIM	WK	DATE	TEACHING & PRACTICE	RELEVANCE TODAY	NIGHT NOTES
My fight for justice is fuelled by love as I see, think and feel and therefore act as Jesus does.	1	Fri 16 Oct	<p>TEACHING – Introduction to a Christian Perspective on Justice Where is our view of Social Justice currently coming from? What is a Christian Perspective on Social Justice? Why Social Justice? How do we grow in this? <i>See, think, feel</i> How is GRY going to respond this term? <i>November Initiative</i> **** Justice is motivated by love!! Passage/s: Amos 5:24, John 13:34-35</p>	Because Justice is about relationship, we can all fight for it every day, even when we don't feel powerful or influential.	<p>Talk, PODS Introduce Nov initiative Vote for cause Hand out permission slips</p>
	2	Fri 23 Oct	<p>PRACTICE - See, Think, Feel Check out your POD material for more details on how we are going to practice this as a youth. The more we are intentional to see, think and feel about people the way Jesus does, the more we will be moved to act for justice.</p>		<p>PODS Return notes, Give them packs <i>Malcolm Campbell as a Guest Speaker</i></p>
I fight for justice by how I welcome	3	Fri 30 Oct	<p>TEACHING Everybody is equally valuable, worthy and beautiful because we are all made in God's image. We fight for justice by the way we welcome and love EVERYONE. Just as Jesus and His Kingdom is for everyone. Touch on Black Lives Matter, Immigration, ATSI, LGBTQI+, etc Passage/s: Luke 10:25-37, Romans 10:9-13</p>	Including the kids who don't have friends	<p>Talk, PODS Remind Nov Initiative starts on Sunday, hand out final packs</p>
	4	Fri 6 Nov	<p>PRACTICE – Awareness of My Privilege One of the biggest ways we can fight for justice is by being aware of the privilege we have, hearing the voices of those who don't share it and making conscious decisions to let go of our biases and welcome all people with love as Jesus does.</p>		<p>Junior PODS, Senior Group</p>
I fight for justice by how I use my voice	5	Fri 13 Nov	<p>TEACHING– DV Guest Speaker? Advocate? The bible is very clear that our words have power. We have the power to build people up or tear them down. We fight when we choose to use our voice to proclaim God's kingdom justice and be a voice for the voiceless. Touch on DV, Mental Health, Children, Slavery, Men as a voice for women Passage/s: Proverbs 31:8-9, Proverbs 18:4</p>	Using social media to build God's Kingdom not our own	<p>Talk, Senior Group <i>Lorena Fazio as a Guest Speaker</i></p>
	6	Fri 20 Nov	<p>PRACTICE – White Ribbon Day! & Writing a letter to Parliament The teens are equipped to either individually or as a POD, use their voices to make a difference! We equip them with a way</p>		<p>PODS Notes and receipts returned from Nov Initiative</p>

			they can promote Jesus' Kingdom of Justice using their voice – help with wording, approach etc.		
I fight for justice by how I spend my money	7	Fri 27 Nov	<p>TEACHING Unfortunately so much of our world is ruled by money and not by Jesus. What we spend our money on invests in that. We have to make a conscious choice with every dollar whose kingdom we build. Touch on poor (homelessness), ethical clothing and food, sex industry including pornography etc. Passage/s: Matthew 6:19-21</p>	Every dollar either builds God's kingdom or our Kingdom, we can fight for justice in what we spend our time and money on.	Talk, PODS Celebration of Nov Initiative
	8	Fri 4 Dec	<p>PRACTICE – Life Care Christmas Back Pack Appeal This year GRLC and GRY are using Christmas as a chance to move in response to what God has been doing in our lives this term. As such, we will still have a big Christmas party but it will also centre around our money being used in the fight for justice through higher entry price and the opportunity to spend our money to 'pack a back pack' for local children who are in need.</p>		LC Christmas Appeal Marbz as Guest
I fight for justice by how I treat God's creation	9	Fri 11 Dec	<p>TEACHING Another significant way we fight for justice is by caring for God's creation. Caring for God's creation brings glory to Him and also shows love and care for people. Touch on climate change Passage/s: Genesis 1, 2:15</p>	Treating creation with care, not littering, being conscious of plants etc.	Talk, PODS Jess Rixon doing Talk
	10	Fri 18 Dec	<p>PRACTICE - The Big Black Out Youth Night fully blacked out (except essential lighting? Carpark, few small lights? Battery Powered? No screens, mics, etc) then teens encouraged not to use phone, tv laptop until next morning</p>		<p>END OF TERM PARTY Video of teens turning phones off and committing Record video of all teens 'Hey Jess, what are you most proud of from this term?'</p>