

WHAT MATTERS MOST

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An important thing that we learned during the past years' lockdown is that everything is temporal. When the pandemic hit us, we suddenly realized that everything we have in life does not really matter. What truly matters most is Jesus Christ, our relationship with Him, and our obedience to the calling we received from Him in whatever season we are in. Because of this hope, we were able to move forward even amidst the challenges we faced and are currently facing.

Now that everything is slowly getting back to normal (or with the new normal slowly being established), the precious learnings we were gifted with the past two years are in danger of being forgotten. And with this reality, we hope that the youth camp will be a venue for our young people to engrave in their hearts and minds the truth that Jesus is what matters most.

This year's Youth Camp is entitled MVP focusing on the truth that Jesus is what really matters. One of the meanings of MVP then is that Jesus is the (1) MOST VALUABLE PLAYER with

the perspective that we are going through life with specific God-given goals and we are not alone. By grace, we are teamed up with Christ in pursuing those goals, but without us having a strong connection with Him (teammanship), we can never achieve anything significant. Therefore, pursuing Christ becomes the (2) MOST VALUABLE PURSUIT. Along the way, we also discover ourselves and our identity in Christ which is the (3) MOST VALUABLE PERCEPTION of ourselves. And, as we pursue Him, we hope that we will grow to truly see Him as the (4) MOST VALUABLE PERSON in our lives.

With this, our hope is that in our 3-day camp journey, we will have a renewed perspective seeing Christ as the most important above everything in life, a realigned purpose pursuing fully what God has called us to do, and a rekindled passion doing everything for the glory of God with great joy in our hearts. We pray that in our journey of knowing Jesus, we will be confident that we are known by Jesus. That, in choosing Jesus above everything, surrendering our 100% to Him, we'll also

realize that we were chosen by Jesus for a unique purpose.

So, join us in prayer in this journey. As the youth prepare for the next season of their lives whether they'll be entering High School, entering College, or moving up a level, pray that Jesus will be their priority. Pray that amidst the busy schedules in the school, they will be faithful to do their quiet time; pray that even with the heavy academic load, they will be able manage their times and serve in the Church; pray that with the influence they will be exposed to when they finally go back to face-to-face classes, they will see the importance of growth groups and fellowship groups, and keep themselves connected to the church community that they may finish well.

Together, let's pray for our NextGen that they will grow to be a generation living their lives for Jesus because for them, Jesus is what matters most! ✠