



Welcome to the Journey Student Ministry!

We are super excited to have you and your Student officially join Journey Students!

Journey Students consists of 6th- 12th graders. This year is our first year we are focusing on doing more age specific ministry by dividing into **Middle School (6th- 8th)** and **High School (9th- 12th)**. There will be times when both groups will be joined together but we will be breaking into our specific groups during our specially designed Student Worship experience on Wednesday nights called "Student IMPACT."

Student IMPACT happens on Wednesday nights from 5:30pm-8:00pm. The first hour, **5:30-6:30, is a hangout time for Students** to relax, hangout, and connect with each other and have a chance to play games and grab some food. We have food options (pizza, burgers, or hotdogs depending on the night) for **\$1** and other items from the Student Café.

We kickoff our **Worship Service at 6:30pm in the main auditorium and then divide in to Middle School and High School groups for the message.** The message points will be the same, but the content will be adjusted to their maturity level and situations. In both groups we will be addressing many things to include: drugs, alcohol, sex, gossip, lying, identity, hardening of heart, and many other topics dealing with sin which distance us from a relationship with Jesus. Students are already facing these struggling and topics and we desire to teach them how to view them through the perspective of God's Word.

After our worship and message Students will meet in Adult Leader-led Age-based Small Groups. Students are divided up by grade and gender to allow for deeper discussion and life application from the message given that night. Small Groups are where life really happens and is critically important for spiritual growth and community. Students will have the same adult leader for the entire school year. Small Group leaders are partners with parents by coming along side families to help teach and grow Students spiritually. Small Groups are usually finished by 8:00pm, however, there are some groups that like to visit and connect longer than others.

Throughout the year there are **Student Events** that are planned to help Students stay engaged, connect, and invite their friends. We will have information sent home with Students, but they will also be on our **website and the JCI mobile app**. Each year we have families fill out an Event Waiver in case of an emergency and we are able to contact the parents. We have this form on our website, www.take-the-journey.cc/ministries/students, and on the JCI mobile app. **Please fill it out now so that your Student is able to participate in all our fun activities this year!**

At the end of each School Year is one of our **largest and the most impactful event, Student Summer Camp!** Last year was our first year to go to Panama City Beach Florida to host our own camp experience. It was truly an amazing experience that changed Students and Leaders' lives. We are planning on going back again for another **Beach Bash 2019, June 2nd – June 7th**. **Register early because space fills up fast!**

Welcome and I can't wait to meet and get to know your Student(s)!

Pastor Kyle Ward
Journey Student Pastor