**SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH**

Series: The New Normal

Week 1: What’s Different?

Connection Group Dialogue

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| **Big Idea:** *We need to remember where we’ve been, so we can maximize our now and anticipate what’s next.*   |

**Scripture References:**

*“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

 *Philippians 3:13-14 (ESV)*

*“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*

 *Philippians 4:8 (ESV)*

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

**To help students look back, but not for the purpose of wishing things were “like they used to be,” but to get a grasp on how things have changed so they can live fully in what God has for them – both now and in the future.**

***Create meaningful conversation. Adjust questions as needed, and don’t feel like you need to answer all of them.***

1. Briefly go over the big idea and Scripture passages. Then ask, “What is one thing about your life now that you enjoy/are grateful for that you didn’t have or fully realize before the pandemic?”
2. What is still difficult for you right now that changed after COVID?
3. Looking back pre-COVID, what were the things you took for granted about your life?
4. How are you making the most of things you temporarily lost during lockdown/early COVID days, but have since gotten back?
5. How has your faith been affected pre-COVID to now?
6. What is something you have learned during the last 18+ months that you think will make you stronger and wiser for what’s to come in the future?

***Please wrap up discussion/prayer by 12:10.***