

FOCUS: A 6-Lesson Study on the Book of Colossians

Your students live each day in a world where, more than ever, image rules. Music videos, movies, TV, and marketing create personas and sell them to teenagers. Students' identities seemingly ebb and flow as they navigate these cultural waters. Where can students turn for an anchor in the midst of the chaos? Paul's letter to the Colossians provides just the answer: the person of Christ. **Focus challenges your students with the straightforward message of Colossians. Jesus is supreme in all the world. And He must be in our lives.**

Focus, one of the titles in ym360's *Core* line of 6-Lesson Bible Book Studies, uses Paul's words to teach your students that Christ is to be the focus of who they are, the very center of their attention and affection. **Teach *Focus* to help your students' lives reflect a single-minded devotion to Christ.**

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Lesson Overviews

FOCUS Lesson 1: Knowledge Is Power

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students understand that they cannot live powerful lives of faith without a knowledge of God that leads to action.
- **Scripture Focus:** Colossians 1:9-14

FOCUS Lesson 2: Jesus Rules, Part 1

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students' interactions with Christ be radically affected by understanding His absolute supremacy.
- **Scripture Focus:** Colossians 1:15-18

FOCUS Lesson 3: Jesus Rules, Part 2

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would truly grasp what it means to be reconciled to God, having the separation between them and God "removed" by Christ's work on the cross.
- **Scripture Focus:** Colossians 1:19-23

FOCUS Lesson 4: Living Unhindered

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would embrace the fullness of life in Christ, committing to living as powerful examples of the freedom from sin made possible by Christ.
- **Scripture Focus:** Colossians 2:8-15

FOCUS Lesson 5: Christ-focused Followers

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would live out Paul's call to have their thoughts and desires focused on godly things, not on worldly things.
- **Scripture Focus:** Colossians 3:1-4

FOCUS Lesson 6: To Live In Love

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would commit to developing a character and lifestyle that reflects their position as God's chosen, holy, and loved people.
- **Scripture Focus:** Colossians 3:5-14

Vivid

A 6-lesson study on the Book of James

The Book of James has a pretty simple premise: if you follow Christ, your life should look like it. In a word, James is a book of *action*. James calls his readers to live a life of vivid faith! Is there a better message for today's teenagers than this? In a world where Christ-followers are criticized for failing to represent their faith, James challenges students to let their faith shine through their words and actions. *Vivid* will challenge your students to evaluate their faith *and* their actions, to identify where the two don't match up, and to make the necessary changes to live a life of vivid faith.

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Lesson 1: The Fight Within

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would identify the internal struggle with sin and commit to keep fighting against it.
- **Scripture Focus:** James 1:12-17

Lesson 2: Level the Playing Field

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would be convicted of any favoritism they show to those who are "easy" to be around, and any neglect they might show for those who are not.
- **Scripture Focus:** James 2:1-9

Lesson 3: Living It

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would evaluate the nature of their actions and whether or not these actions are the fruit of an active faith.
- **Scripture Focus:** James 2:14-18

Lesson 4: Power In Words

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would begin to see their words as having the potential to draw people to Christ or push people away from Him.
- **Scripture Focus:** James 3:3-12

Lesson 5: Tug-Of-War

- **Objective:** This lesson's objective is that your students would take an assessment of their lives and answer the question: "Does my life show a strong friendship with the Lord or with the world?"
- **Scripture Focus:** James 4:1-10

Lesson 6: Future Focused

- **Objective:** This lesson's objective is that your students would develop a heightened sense of God's leadership in their lives and His desire for them to submit their plans to His will.
- **Scripture Focus:** James 4:13-17

REACH: A 6-Lesson Study on the Book of Psalms

For thousands of years, the Book of Psalms has provided a voice for God's people to come together and worship Him. But the psalms are much more than a guide for corporate worship. **The psalms serve as incredible examples of how we can communicate in relationship with God.** They show us how we can reach to God.

Reach: 6-lesson Study On The Book Of Psalms will show students how to reach out to God and how He reaches out to them! They'll see examples of *reaching up* to God, *reaching out* to God, *reaching for* God's presence, and *reaching beyond* the present to remember times God acted boldly in their lives. Teach **Reach** and show your students what an active and dynamic relationship with God can look like.

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REACH Lesson 1: We Reach (Psalm 86:1-10)

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would understand that God created us to reach out to Him in honest communication.

REACH Lesson 2: Reach Up: A Psalm of Praise (Psalm 100)

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would understand the importance of communicating to God praise simply for who He is, and that they would begin to practice "reaching up" to God in this way.

REACH Lesson 3: Reach Out: A Psalm of Lament (Psalm 6)

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would be challenged to be authentic with God, bringing their real and maybe even *raw* emotions to Him, and that they would trust Him to be their source of comfort and peace.

REACH Lesson 4: God's Reach: A Psalm of Thanksgiving (Psalm 136)

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would realize that acknowledging God's work in their lives unlocks a richness in their relationship with Him, and that they would seize opportunities to thank God for His provision.

REACH Lesson 5: Reach For: A Psalm of God's Presence (Psalm 34:15-22)

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would deepen their trust in God, through all manner of difficult circumstances, knowing that God hears and responds to their prayers.

REACH Lesson 6: Reach Beyond: A Psalm of Shared History (Psalm 66)

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would be challenged to recall how God has intersected with their lives *in the past*, and to live a bold faith-life *in the present* as a result.

PROOF

*A 6-lesson study of the **Book of John***

John, one of Jesus' closest disciples, took on the task of proving to people the identity of Christ. John paints a picture of Jesus as the Son of God, promised Messiah, the redeemer of God's children. *Proof* will show your students the story of Christ through His powerful teaching, His amazing miracles, and His death and resurrection. Through a deeper look at John's words, your students will see proof that confirms Jesus was indeed who He claimed to be. Most importantly, they will understand the awesome privilege it is to know and be known by Christ.

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Lesson 1: No Ordinary Guy

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would see Jesus for who He really is and begin to grasp how incredible it is that they get to have a relationship with Him.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 1:1-14

Lesson 2: Enemies Arise

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would accept opposition as a part of being a Christ-follower, and be bold in the face of it.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 7:37-52

Lesson 3: Power on Display

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would begin to relate to Christ in a way that shows they understand His great compassion and love for them.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 11:1-4; 11-14; 17-25; 38-46

Lesson 4: The Gift That Keeps On Giving

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would learn to listen to and depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance in their lives.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 14:15-27

Lesson 5: A King's Death

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would be able to fully understand the role Jesus' death played in atoning for the sin in their life.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 19:14-30

Lesson 6: Alive And Well

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would realize that Jesus' resurrection means life for His followers, and that this truth would be one they share with others.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 20:1-18

Live Different: What The Bible Says About Sex And Holiness

A 4-lesson study

Today's teenager lives in a hyper-sexualized culture. And while sexual immorality is an almost timeless struggle, the world your students live in seems to take the glamorization of sex to unprecedented levels. Culture calls teenagers to live a life where sexual activity and sexual expression is a vital part of their identity. But the Bible challenges your students to embrace *God's* view of sex and sexuality, to rise above the message of culture and to instead live holy lives . . . **In short, the Bible calls your students to *Live Different*.**

Live Different, one of the 4-lesson studies in the *Edge* line of curriculum, teaches your students God's intent for sex and how God views sex outside of this intent. Most importantly, *Live Different* will help you challenge your students with God's call to live a life of holiness in a world of sexual immorality.

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Lesson 1: Right Place, Right Time

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students grasp that God intends sex to be enjoyed between a man and a woman within the marriage relationship and that this view begins to influence their attitudes regarding sex and sexuality.
- **Scripture Focus:** Genesis 2:20-25, Hebrews 13:4, Song of Solomon 2:7

Lesson 2: What's At Stake

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students commit to examine their lives for habits of sexual immorality and commit to addressing any trouble areas.
- **Scripture Focus:** 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; Matthew 5:27-30

Lesson 3: The Motivation

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students understand that holiness should motivate their thoughts and actions when it comes to sex and sexuality, understand what this looks like from a practical perspective, and be challenged to actually live some of these practical examples.
- **Scripture Focus:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Ephesians 5:1-3

Lesson 4: Powerful Purpose

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students understand the purpose of holy living and commit to boldly living lives of holiness in order to draw people to Christ.
- **Scripture Focus:** 1 Peter 2:9-12

The Least of These: God, Poverty, and You

A 4-lesson study

No matter where you go in this world, it surrounds you. Sometimes it is painfully visible, demanding a response. Other times its presence is masked, kept hidden from the public. What is it? *Poverty*. Poverty is a devastating condition that feeds on its victims, making each day an insufferable struggle. But have hope . . . God hears the cries of the poor and has a plan to address their needs. That plan? It's you. And your students. *The Least of These* is an amazing 4-week study that helps your students see the vital role God has chosen them to play in easing the burden of the poor and needy.

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Lesson 1: So Many, So Little

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would understand why poverty exists and begin to increase their awareness of it in their communities and in the world.
- **Focus Scripture:** Genesis 1:27-30; Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 1:28-32

Lesson 2: Where Is God?

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would understand that God cares both about the poor *and* your students' attitudes towards the poor.
- **Focus Scripture:** Exodus 22:25-27; Leviticus 25:35-37; Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Lesson 3: Somebody Do Something

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would understand that God's plan to address the needs of the poor on this earth is for all Christ-followers to willingly reach out to the needy.
- **Focus Scripture:** Matthew 5:42; Matthew 25:31-46; 1 John 3:17-19

Lesson 4: The Hope

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would understand that the ease of suffering promised by God is for those who believe in Him, and that this understanding would motivate them to living out their faith in a way that points others to Christ.
- **Focus Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Revelation 7:9-17

Engage: Impacting A Hostile World

A 4-lesson study

Each day teenagers face an avalanche of messages and situations that stand in opposition to their faith. Advertising, music, videos, movies, TV - each of these mediums communicate promote a value system saturated with sexuality, materialism, and self-centeredness. Your students are looking for answers on how to navigate these waters. You can help!

Engage, one of the 4-lesson studies in the *Edge* line of curriculum, challenges your students with a call to impact the world around them in the name of Christ.

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Lesson 1: This World vs. God's World

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would begin to really evaluate their relationship with the world and with God.
- **Scripture Focus:** 1 John 2:15 -17

Lesson 2: Alive In A Dead World

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would interact with the world in such a way that shows their grasp of the concept that they are not really of this world, but are of the Lord and His Kingdom.
- **Scripture Focus:** Ephesians 2:1-7

Lesson 3: Engaging with the World

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would realize that they are not to withdraw from the world, but instead, are to be engaged with it, living as light for Christ amidst the spiritual darkness.
- **Scripture Focus:** Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 1:13-16

Lesson 4: Stand Tall

- **Objective:** The point of the lesson is that your students would accept, and maybe even embrace the fact that if they live as they are called to live, they will be treated unfairly because of it.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 15:18-21