

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

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