

# EPC TEEN BIBLE SCHOOL 2016



"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."**

*2 Corinthians 5:17-20*

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**PROGRAM DATES:** July 10-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**DURATION:** 2 weeks**COST PER STUDENT:** \$375.00**LOCATION:** EPC Evangelical Church of Philadelphia  
3470 Huntingdon Pike  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006**MISSION:** To strengthen teenagers in faith to become ambassadors for Christ in the world.**VALUES:**- **GRACE**

To personally appropriate and extend the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9*

- **GROWTH**

To live as an authentic follower of Jesus Christ with thoughts and actions rooted in the Scriptures, pursuing Christ-likeness with the help of the Holy Spirit.

*"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ." Ephesians 4:15*

- **SERVICE**

To serve others according to ones talents and spiritual giftedness.

*"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Romans 12:9-11*

- **FELLOWSHIP**

To connect with other believers and establish meaningful relationships.

*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:7*

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:**

1. To help students gain an understanding of Christian Biblical principles and ethics, grow spiritually and learn more about God, people and themselves
2. Encourage students to serve others and be sensitive to the needs of the people around them
3. To teach students how to compassionately serve at home, in church and in their community
4. Give the students an opportunity to use and develop their talents through leadership, servitude, and new experiences in a safe environment.
5. Allow students to gain experience and confidence in ministry, whether it's singing, preaching, praying, or serving others.
6. Develop friendships with other teens from different states who share the same goals and desire to serve God

**CONDITIONS TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:**

- Average grade at the end of the program must be at least a 70% C average.
- Submit ALL assignments, exams, projects, and forms.
- Appropriate behavior and obedience to administration and school rules.
- A Certificate will not be granted if a student receives three strikes/ violations or is caught cheating.

**PROGRAM OUTLINE**

During the two weeks of SFG Teen Bible School, students are guided through various lessons, practical experiences and activities that assist in the process of learning to grow independently, witness, help others, and worship through:

**Lectures** (*Presented by Christian pastors, deacons, and brothers*)

**I. Ambassadors of Christ Lecture Series**

- Topic 1: Who is an ambassador? Who am I?
- Topic 2: Getting to know your God
- Topic 3: Why is Jesus so Important?
- Topic 4: Role of the Bible, faith and the Holy Spirit
- Topic 5: Denying Self and Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven
- Topic 6: Character of an Ambassador of Christ
- Topic 7: Bearing Fruit of the Spirit
- Topic 8: Above all, hold on to your faith
- Topic 9: Representing Christ to the World

**II. Practical Christian Principles**

- Topic 1: Friends & family
- Topic 2: Intimacy & dating
- Topic 3: Personal Identity & peer pressure
- Topic 4: Faith of my own & dealing with doubt
- Topic 5: Temptations, Habits & Addictions
- Topic 6: Authority, obedience to God & responsibility
- Topic 7: Following God's Will & hearing His voice
- Topic 8: Fruits of the Spirit & Spiritual gifts
- Topic 9: When life is hard, God's grace & faithfulness

**Group Discussions** (*Group Leaders*)

- Topic 1: Drugs and alcohol
- Topic 2: Social media
- Topic 3: Sex and pornography
- Topic 4: Money and materialism
- Topic 5: Diversity (Homosexuality, Transgender, Transsexual, etc.)
- Topic 6: Stress, depression and suicide

**Video Discussions** (*Olena Sivchuk*)

Video discussions will serve as a teaching tool to encourage teens to serve the world in a manner worthy of the Gospel and in imitation of Jesus Christ.

**Daily Bible Reading & Bible Quizzes**

Since the foundation of our school is the living Word of God, all students are encouraged to study the Bible on a deeper and more personal level. Each student is required to read two-three chapters a day as assigned.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Becoming an ambassador of Christ</b>	<b>Holy Spirit</b>	<b>Quiz Date</b>
7/11/16	Genesis 3: The first sin creates a need. Isaiah 52: Salvation prophesied.	Joel 2: Pouring out of the Spirit.	7/12/16
7/12/16	Isaiah 53: The role of the suffering servant.	Ephesians 1: Sealed with the Spirit	7/13/16
7/13/16	Luke 15: Three Stories about God's Love.	Matthew 3:1—4:10: Role in Jesus' baptism and temptation. John 14: Jesus promises the Spirit.	7/14/16
7/14/16	John 3: Jesus explains "born again". John 10: The good shepherd.	John 16: The work of the Spirit.	7/15/16
7/15/16	Acts 8: Conversions spread outside the Jewish community.	Acts 2: The Spirit comes at Pentecost. Acts 10: The Spirit guides Peter to accept Gentiles.	7/18/16
7/16/16	Acts 26: Paul testifies of his conversion before a king.	Romans 8: Christians' victory in the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2: Wisdom from the Spirit.	
7/18/16	Romans 3: God's provision for sin. Romans 5: Peace with God.	1 Corinthians 12: Gifts of the Spirit.	7/19/16
7/19/16	Galatians 3: Salvation unavailable by obeying the law.	1 Corinthians 14: Gifts of tongues and prophecy. Galatians 5: Life in the Spirit.	7/21/16
7/21/16	Ephesians 2: New life in Christ. 1 Corinthians 13: Love is the Greatest.	Ephesians 4: Unity and gifts.	7/22/16
7/22/16	1 Peter 1: Future rewards of Salvation	1 John 4: Signs of the Spirit.	
7/23/16	2 Peter 1: Making your salvation sure.	John 15: Testifying.	No Quiz

## Worship

Students along with leaders will lead morning worship services with songs of praise, prayer, testimonies and messages.

Week #1						
Monday July 11th	Tuesday July 12th	Wednesday July 13th	Thursday July 14th	Friday July 15th	Saturday July 16th	Sunday July 17th
Administration Leads	Group #1 Leads	Group #2 Leads	Group #3 Leads	Group #4 Leads		<b>Church Service Trip</b>
Week #2						
Monday July 18th	Tuesday July 19th	Wednesday July 20th	Thursday July 21st	Friday July 22nd	Saturday July 23rd	Sunday July 24th
Group #1 Leads	Group #2 Leads	<b>Trip to Six Flags</b>	Group #3 Leads	Group #4 Leads		<b>Ending Ceremony Service</b>

## Practical Electives (Skillful Personnel)

Students have the opportunity to choose a practical elective based on personal interest and work with a skilled instructor in each of the electives.

- Musical Instruments in Worship
- Teaching Children & Sunday school
- Preaching/Sharing Testimony/ Public Speaking
- Planning Youth Events (Public Relations)
- Leading Worship/ Group Singing
- Evangelism/ Street Ministry
- Creative Homemaking

## Workshops and Instructors

- Cooking
- Baking
- Hair Styling
- Caring for the Sick and Wounded
- Changing Tires at the Tire Shop
- Car Basics: Mechanical Management
- First Aid & CPR; Tour of Ambulance
- Police Officer Presentation on Law, Alcohol, Drugs and Consequences

## And More...

- Science and Faith Presentation
- Street Ministry Lesson
- Girls/Guys Discussion

## Prayer

Students have daily prayers, where they uplift each other, pray for needs, and praise God. Have an organized prayer with the brothers present and a specific prayer for Holy Spirit.

## Service in Church

A required part of the school program is the attendance of the local church service for personal encouragement and fellowship with other Christians. Students take part in both the church and youth services by preaching, singing, and sharing testimonies. Students will also participate in daily morning service through worship and prayer. (Each group must prepare 3-4 numbers: song, testimony, and sermon).

## Choir

All students will participate in choral singing. The class will sing in the local church as well as when traveling to other churches. Songs will be in three-languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian).

**Trips**

Students take a trip to another church to serve and encourage other Christians by participating in the church service and have fellowship with local Teens.

- "Sight and Sound" theatre to see the play "Samson"  
*Lancaster, PA on Thursday, July 14th, 2016*
- Downtown Street Ministry to minister to others  
*Philadelphia, PA on Wednesday, July 16th, 2016*
- Visit Guest Church to participate in service  
*Church (yet to be determined) on Sunday, July 17th, 2016*
- Six-Flags Great Adventure Park  
*Jackson, NJ on Wednesday, July 20th, 2016*
- Astoria Restaurant to participate in the Bible Quiz Competition  
*Philadelphia, PA on Thursday, July 21th, 2016*

**Street Ministry** (Roman Pasternak and EPC youth)

The students will be going downtown of Philadelphia, where they will give out tracts and witness to people about God. This gives them the opportunity to not only tell unbelievers about Christ, but also gain experience and confidence in serving others.

**Sports**

Due to the intensity of the school program, it will be hard to find much free time. However, when the opportunity arises, students can enjoy playing soccer, volleyball, and basketball.

**Sports Activities**

- Tournaments
  - o Volleyball
  - o Basketball
  - o Soccer
- Field Day

**Counseling**

Throughout the learning process, there might come a time when the student will be in need of advice, encouragement, or counseling of a spiritual leader. We will have church pastor and deacons who will be ready to listen, offer support, and pray for the students and their needs.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE** (Subject to Change)  
WEEK ONE

Week 1								
	Sunday (7/10)	Monday (7/11)	Tuesday (7/12)	Wednesday (7/13)	Thursday (7/14)	Friday (7/15)	Saturday (7/16)	
Lecture Instructor								
Topic of Study		Who is an Ambassador? Who am I?	Getting know your God	Why is Jesus so important?	Role of the Bible, faith and the Holy Spirit	Denying Self and Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven		
8:00-8:30 am		Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship		
8:30-9:00 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast		
9:00-9:30 am		Bible Reading	Bible Reading	Bible Reading	Bible Reading	Bible Reading	Bible Reading	
9:30-9:45 am		Announcements	Announcements	Announcements	Announcements	Announcements	Church Clean-up	
9:45-10:35 am		Lecture I	Lecture I	Lecture I	Lecture I	Lecture I		
10:35-10:45 am		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break		
10:45-11:35 am		Lecture II	Lecture II	Lecture II	Lecture II	Lecture II		
11:35-11:45 am		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break		
11:45-12:30 pm		<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Friends & Family	<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Sex & Dating	<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Personal ID & Peer Pressure	<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Faith of my own & Dealing with Doubt	<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Temptations, Habits & Addictions		
12:30-1:15 pm		Opening Ceremony	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:15-1:35 pm	Video Discussion		Video Discussion	Video Discussion	Video Discussion	Video Discussion	Lesson on Street Ministry	
1:35-2:00 pm	Survey		Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz		
2:00-3:00 pm	Group Discussion		Group Service Preparation	Group Discussion	Choir Practice	Group Discussion		
3:00-4:00 pm	Lunch		Practical Electives	Workshops	Practical Electives	Workshops	Practical Electives	Downtown Street Ministry (Philadelphia, PA)
4:00-4:30 pm			Group Service Preparation		Group Service Preparation		Group Service Preparation	
4:30-5:30 pm	Program Orientation for Students		Choir Practice	Choir Practice	Choir Practice	Sight & Sound Theater: Samson (Lancaster, PA)	Choir Practice	
5:30-6:15 pm			Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	
6:15-7:00 pm			Sport Activities	Girl/Guy Discussions	Prayer		Preparation for Service	
7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Service			Free Time		Church Service		
8:00-9:00 pm					Local Service			
9:00 pm								
Student Pick-up Time	7:00 pm	9:15 pm	9:15 pm	7:30 pm	11:15 pm	8:30 pm	10:00 pm	

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE** (Subject to Change)  
WEEK TWO

Week 2							
	Sunday (7/17)	Monday (7/18)	Tuesday (7/19)	Wednesday (7/20)	Thursday (7/21)	Friday (7/22)	Saturday (7/24)
Lecture Instructor	Trip to Guest Church (Students Participate in Service)			Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)			
Topic of Study		Character of an Ambassador of Christ	Bearing Fruit of the Spirit		Above all, hold on to your faith	Representing Christ to the World	
8:00-8:30 am		Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship		Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	
8:30-9:00 am		Breakfast	Breakfast		Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:00-9:30 am		Bible Reading	Bible Reading		Bible Reading	Bible Reading	Bible Reading
9:30-9:45 am		Announcements	Announcements		Announcements	Announcements	
9:45-10:35 am		Lecture I	Lecture I		Lecture I	Lecture I	
10:35-10:45 am		10 min. Break	10 min. Break		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	
10:45-11:35 am		Lecture II	Lecture II		Lecture II	Lecture II	
11:35-11:45 am		10 min. Break	10 min. Break		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	
11:45-12:30 pm		<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Authority, Obedience to God & Responsibility	<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Following God's Will & Hearing His voice		<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> Fruits of the Spirit & Spiritual Gifts	<b>Practical Christian Principles</b> When Life is hard, God's Grace & Faithfulness	
12:30-1:15 pm		Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
1:15-1:35 pm		Video Discussion	Video Discussion		Video Discussion	Video Discussion	
1:35-2:00 pm		Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz		Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	
2:00-3:00 pm		Group Discussion	Group Debate		Group Discussion	Practical Electives	
3:00-4:00 pm		Practical Electives	Workshops		Workshops	Workshop	
4:00-4:30 pm		Group Service Preparation				Choir Practice	
4:30-5:30 pm		Choir Practice	Choir Practice		Choir Practice	Choir Practice	
5:30-6:15 pm		Dinner	Dinner		Formal Dinner Bible Quiz Competition	Dinner	
6:15-7:00 pm	Sports Activities	Science & Faith	Preparation for Service				
7:00-8:00 pm		Youth Service	Church Service				
8:00-9:00 pm			Church Service				
9:00 pm							
Student Pick-up Time	9:00 pm	9:15 pm	9:15 pm	11:00 pm	9:00 pm	8:30 pm	Sunset

Church Clean-up

Picnic with Parents & Host Families



## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

Within our program we have 12+ full-time volunteers such as the directors, administrators, group leaders, etc. who will be present throughout the whole program from morning to evening with the students. All students will also be divided into 4 groups (14-15 students per group) with 2 group leaders (one male/one female) overseeing them. Group Leaders are responsible for constant oversight of every student in their group and discipline. We strive to have organization, discipline and take all appropriate measures to ensure student safety and appropriate behavior.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Each student received a written document with all rules, regulation and appearance appropriate for school conduct. We have a three-"strike" rule. If a student receives three misconduct "strikes", they will be counselled with directors, senior advisors and possibly excused from the program. Other discipline measures for minor misconduct will be cleaning kitchen and bathrooms, copying chapters from the Bible, or being kept out of a "fun" activity such as six flags, or other trips.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The host family, group leaders or administrators will be providing transportation to and from school for each student. On trips, all students will be transported on a big bus by a licensed bus driver.