

# Semester Planning - Fall 2025

Hello! This document gives you an overview of everything you need to know about the content for the Spring 2025 Switch Semester. At the top, you've got a Semester Snapshot that gives you a 30,000 foot view of what's coming. Underneath that is the Semester Breakdown where we take a closer look at the series and messages we'll be bringing to our students. The specific information for each series will be updated **two weeks before** that series begins. Up until that point, series and messages are subject to change. Hopefully, this information equips you to better lead your students to become fully devoted followers of Christ!

Date	Message	Style
8/6	<i>Fakers or Followers (Fully Devoted)</i>	Live Speak
8/13	<i>Fakers or Followers</i>	Video
8/20	<i>Fakers or Followers</i>	Video
8/27	<i>Fakers or Followers</i>	Video
9/3	<i>Fakers or Followers</i>	Video
9/10	The Bash	Video
9/17	<i>Soul Rot</i>	Live Speak/Panel Discussion
9/24	<i>Soul Rot</i>	Video
10/1	Family Reunion (No Switch IRL)	N/A
10/8	Switch Fest	Video
10/15	<i>The Virtuous Life</i>	Live Speak
10/22	<i>The Virtuous Life</i>	Video
10/29	<i>The Virtuous Life</i>	Video
11/5	<i>The Virtuous Life</i>	Video
11/12	<i>The Virtuous Life</i>	Live Speak/Student Team Teach
11/19	<i>The Virtuous Life</i>	Video
11/26	Thanksgiving Week (No Switch IRL)	N/A
12/3	<i>Reconciled</i>	Live Speak
12/10	<i>Reconciled</i>	Video
12/17	<i>Reconciled</i>	Video
12/24	Christmas Eve (No Switch IRL)	N/A
12/31	New Years Eve (No Switch IRL)	N/A
1/7	Switch is Back	Live Speak

## Fully Devoted - Fakers or Followers Week 1 (August 6)

**MESSAGE OVERVIEW:** At our Church, we have a saying: “Vision leaks and culture drifts.” That’s why we’re kicking off the fall semester with a Live Speak from you, the Youth Pastor, that is all about *who we are*, *why we exist*, and *what we want for our students*. The goal of this message is to cast vision and set culture so the rest of the semester will be built on a strong foundation.

**MAIN IDEA:** We commit to become fully devoted followers of Christ and we lead others to do the same.

**TEACHING TEXT:** <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:17-20 ESV

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW?** Switch exists to reach the lost and disciple the found. Everything we do is in response to what Jesus has done. We gather on a weekly basis to worship Him, learn what it looks like to follow Him, and to be sent out as missionaries into our schools, sports teams, friend groups, families, and communities.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL?** Inspired to see the mission of our Church as their mission. Confident that showing up to Switch every week will help them grow in their faith and equip them to make a difference wherever they are.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO?** Commit to become a fully devoted follower of Christ and lead others to do the same.

#### KEY UPCOMING DATES:

- The Bash - Sept 10
- Family Reunion (No Switch IRL) - Oct 1
- Switch Fest - Oct 8

#### GET PREPARED:

For Youth Pastors:

- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

For Leaders:

- Bible Plan - [Disciple-Making Disciples](#)

## Fakers or Followers (August 6-Sept 3)

**SERIES OVERVIEW:** Nothing is more life giving and evangelistic than the person of Jesus and people who have been transformed by Jesus. Everywhere Jesus went, people flocked to Him because He demonstrated a way of life that was better, truer, and more beautiful than anything anyone had ever experienced. On the flip side, nothing is more dangerous and unattractive than people who claim to know Jesus but don’t act anything like Him. This was true when Jesus walked the earth and it’s still true today. That’s why, in this series,

we're going to learn how to live as fully devoted followers, not half-hearted fakers.

**MAIN IDEA: Followers are compelled by love, fakers are controlled by fear.**

**ANCHOR TEXT:** <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:16-19 NIV

#### MESSAGE TITLE AND STYLE:

- Love or Fear | Video
- Honesty or Hypocrisy | Video
- Obedience or Convenience | Video
- God or People | Video

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## Week 2: Fear or Faith

**MAIN IDEA: Fakers are controlled by fear. Followers are driven by faith.**

**TEACHING TEXT:** <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them ... <sup>12</sup> "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." <sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:8, 12-13 NIV

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW?** Becoming a sincere and faithful follower of Jesus requires us to love God and love people more than we fear being found as less than who we claim to be. How do we make that shift? We let the love of Jesus cut through the facade and take root in our hearts. Then, and only then, will His perfect love drive out the fear that so often drives us.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL?** Confident that coming to God honestly and humbly is the best way to experience His mercy and grace. Challenged to investigate our own motives. Hopeful that God can and will help us replace our fear with love.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO?** Choose to love, even when it costs us.

#### GET PREPARED:

**For Youth Pastors:**

- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

**For Leaders:**

- Bible Plan - [Learning the Jesus Way of Life](#)

### Week 3: Hypocrisy or Honesty

**MAIN IDEA:** Fakers pretend to be healthy. Followers admit they're sick.

**TEACHING TEXT:** <sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:12-13 NIV

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9 NIV

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW?** Jesus does not run from sinners, scoundrels, and scumbags. He chases after them. And that's really good news. Because that means He is always chasing after us. So, instead of trying to hide from Him, the best thing we can do is honestly confess the things we've done wrong and the things that are wrong with us. That's where we find the forgiveness and healing we need to be made whole.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL?** Hopeful that no matter what they've thought, said, or done, they are not too bad for Jesus to forgive. Confident that Jesus will meet their humble honesty with His grace and mercy.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO?** Confess their sins, even when it's scary.

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### Week 4: Self or Others

**MAIN IDEA:** Fakers sacrifice others to serve themselves. Followers sacrifice themselves to serve others.

**TEACHING TEXT:** <sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. Matthew 16:24-25 NIV

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW?** Sin tempts us to choose personal convenience over costly obedience. That's why it's so easy and common for people to ignore the needs of others, to only look out for themselves, and to ignore, reject, or reinterpret God's words

when they don't like what He says. But, because of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can make different choices. We can say no to what we want, say yes to things that are truly good, and follow after Jesus wherever He leads.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL?** Hopeful that God can and will help them live in a way that is honoring to Him and helpful to others. Challenged to choose obedience to God over their own convenience.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO?** Do what God says, even when it hurts.

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## Week 5: Temporary or Eternal

**MAIN IDEA:** Fakers focus on the temporary. Followers fix their eyes on the eternal.

**TEACHING TEXT:** <sup>22</sup> “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. <sup>23</sup> I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. <sup>24</sup> However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:22-24 NIV

... we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4 NIV

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW?** One of the biggest challenges people face in their faithfulness to Jesus is the temptation to only focus on what they can see, feel, and touch with their own eyes and hands. As a result, we lose sight of the unseen, unshakable, and eternal Kingdom that Jesus has invited us into. We need the hope that the future God promised is better and brighter than what we see now, and that we have a part to play in His good plans to make that future a reality.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL?** Convicted by how often we care more about pleasing people than pleasing God. Confident that living for eternity is always better than obsessing over the temporary.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO?** Live to please God, even when it's hard.

**GET PREPARED:**

**For Youth Pastors:**

- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

**For Leaders:**

- Bible Plan - [Learning the Jesus Way of Life](#)

## The Bash (Sept 10)

**MESSAGE OVERVIEW:** The Bash is very special night of Switch, dedicated to our partnership with Stay Here, a non-profit organization with a vision to see every generation be suicide free. How? By training 10,000 churches, 10,000 schools, and 1,000,000 individuals in -- effective, comprehensive, and Christ-centered suicide prevention. This matters to God and is right at the core of the Gospel. This year, the Bash is happening on World Suicide Prevention Day. That means people will be looking for hope if they are hurting, or a plan of action if they want to help. And that's what we will be providing to them by unapologetically preaching the good news of Jesus and teaching practical ways our students can make a difference in this cause.

**MAIN IDEA:** Suicide is preventable. Hope is available. Redemption is possible. So, choose to stay here.

**ANCHOR TEXT:** 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:55-58 NIV

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW?** Suicide is preventable. Hope is available. And redemption is possible. God wants all of us to choose life, and He will give us the strength and the power to stay here if we are willing to commit ourselves to Him. And, He will use us to save lives if we are willing to have the courage to step in and act.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL?** Hopeful that their future can be brighter and better than their past. Confident that God can and will use them to make a difference in the lives of others.

**WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO?** Choose to stay here and get trained in suicide prevention.

**MESSAGE TITLE AND STYLE:**

- Stay Here | Video

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- Family Reunion (No Switch IRL) - October 1
- Switch Fest - October 8

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- § ▶ **Soul Rot (Sept 17-24)**
- § ▶ **Switch Fest (October 8)**
- § ▶ **The Virtuous Life (October 15-Nov 19)**
- § ▶ **Reconciled (December 3-17)**