

Semester Planning - Spring 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!

SEMESTER SNAPSHOT

Date	Message	Style
1/8	<i>A Letter to Young Leaders</i>	Live Speak
1/15	<i>A Letter to Young Leaders</i>	Video Message
1/22	<i>A Letter to Young Leaders</i>	Video Message
1/29	OSM (No Switch IRL)	N/A
2/5	SwitchBowI	Video Message
2/12	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Live Speak
2/19	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
2/26	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
3/5	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
3/12	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Video Message
3/19	<i>Getting Relationships Right</i>	Live Speak/Panel Discussion
3/26	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/2	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/9	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message

4/16	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/23	Switch Easter <i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Video Message
4/30	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Live Speak/Student Team Teach
5/7	Switch Fights: Human Trafficking	Video Message
5/14	<i>Faith That Works</i>	Live Speak
5/21	<i>Faith That Works</i>	Video Message
5/28	<i>Faith That Works</i>	Video Message
6/4	Sixth Graders First Night <i>How to Grow Close to God</i>	Video Message
6/11	<i>How to Grow Close to God</i>	Video Message
6/18	<i>How to Grow Close to God</i>	Live Speak
6/25	Build Week (No Switch IRL)	N/A

§ ▶ ***A Letter to Young Leaders (January 8-22)***

§ ▶ ***SwitchBowl (February 5)***

§ ▶ ***Getting Relationships Right (Feb 12-March 19)***

§ ▶ ***The Lion and the Lamb (March 26-April 30)***

Switch Fights: Human Trafficking (May 7)

WHAT? We are mobilizing a generation to bring heaven to earth by becoming righteous and bringing justice. But where do we start? What do we do? We start small. We trust God. And we do what we can.

Right now, there are more people enslaved than any other time in history. The trafficking and exploitation of humans for their bodies and labor generates an average of 150 billion dollars per year. It happens in every country and there are an estimated 50 million people living in slavery today.

Slavery exists today, around the world and in our own communities, and it affects millions of people. We are going to do something about it by partnering with amazing organizations to fight against the evils of human trafficking.

WHY? Because Jesus rescued us from the disease of sin and the curse of death. And He is still in the business of bringing life and freedom everywhere He goes.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."
Luke 4:18-19 NLT

These are the words Jesus used to announce His ministry. He came to bring good news to those who were desperate for it. And He's invited us to join Him.

WHEN? All of this will happen on May 7 at 6:30pm.

HOW? We start small. We trust God. We do what we can. What will that look like? Praying, serving, and giving. On this night, We will be raising awareness around the issues of human trafficking, rallying our students to do what they can to support those on the front lines fighting against this evil, and we will take up an offering to support mission partners working around the world to prevent and combat human trafficking.

GET PREPARED:

For Youth Pastors:

- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

For Leaders:

- Bible Plan - [Shalom](#)

Faith That Works (May 14-28)

SERIES OVERVIEW: In this series, we are going to look at a few key passages to help us embrace a faith that works; a faith that brings us closer to God and makes us more like Jesus. In order to forge faith like that, we have to be willing to endure suffering, follow Jesus, and speak carefully and thoughtfully.

MAIN IDEA: Faith is trust, based on evidence, that leads to obedience.

ANCHOR TEXT: ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:17 NIV

MESSAGE TITLE AND STYLE:

- **Suffering and Sanctification | Live Speak**
- **Faith and Works | Video**
- **Praising and Cursing // Hellfire and Poison | Video**

KEY UPCOMING DATES:

- YP Live Speak - May 14
- Make the Move/Signing Day - May 30 + June 1
- 6th Grade Night - June 4

Week 1: Suffering and Sanctification

MAIN IDEA: Suffering sucks and it sanctifies.

TEACHING TEXT: ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 NIV

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? Because we live in a world that is fallen and broken, all of us will experience pain and suffering. And that really sucks. But because God is good, He will use all the bad stuff we endure for our good. If we let Him, God will use the trials we walk through to train us to become more like Jesus.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Comforted that God is with them in their suffering. Confident that God can and will use their suffering for good.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Suffer faithfully.

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For Leaders:

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Week 2: Faith and Works

MAIN IDEA: Faith is trust, based on evidence, that leads to obedience.

TEACHING TEXT: ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:14-17 NIV

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? Believing in God doesn't make someone a Christian. Following Jesus does. Even the demons believe that God is real, but they don't trust that He is good or do what He says. Because of that, what they have isn't really faith. Faith is trust, based on evidence, that leads to obedience. And that kind of faith not only works, it has the power to change our lives.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Challenged to not just believe in God but to actually follow Jesus. Convicted by the ways they have not taken the commands of Jesus seriously.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Do what Jesus says.

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Week 3: Praising and Cursing

MAIN IDEA: Your words have the power to bring life or death.

TEACHING TEXT: ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check... ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell... ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. James 3:2,6,9 NIV

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW? Words are powerful. They have the power to comfort, offend, hurt, heal, encourage, humiliate, build up, and tear down. With a word, God spoke creation into existence. With a word, Jesus called a dead man out of the grave. With a word, we can wound people deeply or show them the love of God. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, we are almost certainly going to do more harm than good.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO FEEL? Challenged to treat their words with the seriousness they call for. Convicted by the ways they've allowed careless and thoughtless words to hurt others.

WHAT DO WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO? Use their words carefully and thoughtfully.

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- [Weekly Air Folder](#)

For Leaders:

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§ ► ***Wisdom vs. The World (June 4-18)***