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Transcript

Hello middle school. Wednesday night, volunteers. Here we go. Week two. First. I want to take a moment to look back and celebrate our fall. Kick off the cookie night was so much fun. There was so much energy, so much excitement. It was really fun to see everybody connect. Connecting with each other and I do want to encourage you that most nights are not going to be quite that crazy.

But every night in middle School Ministry is a little bit crazy. I like to say if middle schoolers aren't a little bit wild, something is wrong. Of course we want it to be controlled. Chaos. But we just love creating a space for middle schoolers to be who God made them to be.

This coming Wednesday, September 13, is hat night. So if you want to, you can wear a silly or serious or wild or crazy hat Of any sort.

this will be our first night officially in small groups 6th grade leaders at the beginning of the night we will assign you to your small groups so you can find out who those students are.

I want to remind you that if you have to miss any Wednesday night, it's really important that you let myself or Jody know that you're going to be gone just so that we can make sure that your group has coverage so that your students have someone looking out for them on the night that you have to miss.

Fall retreat if you have not rsvped, please do so at the middle school events page. You as a volunteer, RSVP at the same place that students will register and it's free for you to attend because we want to honor you and value your service, so we will pay for your way to go and. We've already we've got about 100 people total that students plus leaders 100 signed up right now and the registration doesn't close for for a few more days, so. Please let us know so we can make plans accordingly. If you want to attend fall retreat.

I'm looking at the how to win as a middle school volunteer document and as we engage with our first night of small groups, I'm looking at under the column that says never forget #5. It's normal to have a difficult ministry night every once in a while. Sometimes Ministry is a labor of love and perseverance, so you are not a bad leader if you have one or a few rough nights in a row. That's that's just how it goes. And sometimes ministry takes perseverance. If you find yourself continually frustrated. Please talk to me or to Jodie or any of the other experienced small group leaders. We have lots of them. We'd love to come alongside you and encourage you and share our insight and advice and encouragement with you.

1st Corinthians 15:58 here's what I'll leave you with today. My dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work because you know that your labor and the Lord is not in vain. Thank you for investing in middle schoolers during this critical time in their lives. You have an opportunity to show them what it looks like. To deeply love Christ and their neighbors. Thanks for doing what you do. We'll see you at hat night.