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## Transcript

Hello Middle school volunteers. Thanks for checking in. These are the announcements for Wednesday, April 3rd.

We only have four more Wednesday nights of programming with students. The year is going to quickly wind down.

This Wednesday, the theme is disco night, so I know all of you have your bell bottom jeans still laying around. If you want to dress according to a disco theme or a 70s theme, you are more than welcome to do that. We're going to try to hang up a disco ball somewhere, maybe have some disco music playing, and we're going to do something related to dancing for the game.

The teaching theme, it's a one night Series called "Things I wish I knew when I was in middle school." We're going to split guys and girls and we're going to have three male leaders talk to the guys and three female leaders talk to the girls. Each of them are going to share for just about 5 minutes about something that they now know that they wish they had known when they were in middle school, so I'm excited to hear from those different voices.

A Couple of things coming up in middle School ministry, if you know anybody to whom this applies this Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 AM, we're having the fifth grade parent meeting in the 4th and 5th grade room in the lower level of Valley Church. If you know any fifth grade parents or if you are the parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, I'd encourage you to attend and I need some parents who are experienced with the transition in the middle school ministry. So even if you're thinking to yourself, "This is my second or third or fourth child entering middle school ministry like been there, done that. I don't need to go to that meeting..." You might not need to go to the meeting, but your presence at the meeting could be a blessing and a benefit to other parents who are there for the first time with their oldest child moving in the middle school, With the deer in the headlights look and scared about this transition. So I love having some experienced parents there who can share from their wisdom and from their experience.

Also on Sunday, April 7, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, There is an eighth grade girls HSM Connect event at the church building. We're going to pair up our current 8th grade girls with some 10th grade girls to build some connections and start to prepare our 8th graders to move into high school ministry.

Our next middle school special event is Really, a Community Bridge event, an opportunity to love our neighbors and it's a serving opportunity for our middle school students. It's called love you Des Moines Family Day. It's on Saturday, April 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, and there's going to be a bunch of family friendly activities all over the Community Center that day. And we'd love for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Students and high school students can sign up as well.

They can serve for 1-2 or all three hours that day, there's a variety of activities. There's athletic things, there's STEM activities, there's crafts, there's creative things, there's there's going to be some trivia and we can't do it without students. So please talk to your students. Encourage them. We want to mobilize them To serve at Love You Des Moines Family Day. I'll include a link to the sign up genius for all the different serving slots available that day.

Instead of closing with the how to win as a middle school volunteer Document, I just want to encourage you and challenge you to finish serving this year on a positive note. This might be an easy time when the weather gets warmer and schedules start to change and shift for you to just kind of slowly fade away and be a little Uncommitted, not fully committed to the role. I would, I would ask you and challenge you to finish this year Well, show up and be a part of every Wednesday night, whether you're leading a 6th, 7th or 8th grade group. You'll have time for a break this summer but we're excited for these last four weeks, so thanks for being a part of it. Let's finish strong and we'll see you on Wednesday night!