

Leader Announcements September 18.mp3

What is up middle school volunteers?!? These are the announcements for Wednesday, September 18 20 24. The theme this Wednesday night is taste test night. So yes, there will be some taste testing. Don't worry, nobody will be forced to taste something that they don't want to. And it's going to be a culinary adventure. We'll put it that way.

This will be actually the very first night of sixth grade small groups. I know I said that was gonna happen last week, but it's actually happening this week. So thank you for being patient, sixth grade leaders. I know you're excited to know what students are in your groups. We will let you know this Wednesday.

We are kicking off a four or five week series called the Holy Spirit. I think the Holy Spirit is the one person in the Trinity—father, son, Holy Spirit who is the most overlooked and the least understood. And I think it's important for students not only to understand about the Holy Spirit, but to really get a glimpse into how the Holy Spirit is making a difference into their spiritual lives and how having the Holy Spirit is a benefit for them as they follow Jesus. So that's what we'll be talking about for the next few weeks on Wednesday nights.

If you are attending the fall retreat, thank you for being willing to spend your weekend with us at Hidden Acres. We've got more than 100 people total registered. There's a lot of excited students, Jodi and I and some others have been working to prepare so that it's a great time. We will email you and or text you with final information about the retreat sometime here in the next few days so that you know the schedule, you know what to pack and so that you have everything that you need to succeed at Fall retreat.

For the How to win as a middle school volunteer document, there's a section called “before you show up” and number one there says invest in your own spiritual growth, it overflows to students. If you picture yourself as a cup when you are serving in middle school ministry, you are like a cup that is being poured out into other students lives and your cup is gonna run empty if you are not investing in yourself and you're not allowing other people to invest in you and fill up your own

cup. So make sure you're filling your spiritual cup. And I wanna encourage you to, to be paying attention to how God is working in you. What the Holy Spirit is whispering to you. And what God might be doing in you as a result of your serving in middle school ministry. You are a blessing to middle school students, but God, I think, wants to work in you as well through your service.

So thanks for all that you do. May you be sensitive and aware of what God is doing. Not just through you but in you as you serve in middle school ministry. Thanks for checking in. Have a great week. We'll see you on Wednesday night!