

CSYC Theme and Sub-topic Proposal for 2025

Theme: What's Real?

Theme Scripture: Psalm 139:13-16 – For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them.

- You are God's creation (vs. 13)
- You were formed with purpose and intention (vs. 14, 16)
- You are God's Masterpiece (vs. 15, Ephesians 2:10)
- You are a new creation in Christ (2nd Corinthians 5:17)

Sub-topic #1—God is Real!

Sub-topic #1 Scripture: 1st John 1:1-4— That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- Jesus is a real person (vs. 1-2)
- Fellowship with God is real (vs. 3)
- Fellowship with each other is real (vs. 3)
- Our walk with Him is real (vs. 6-7)
- Forgiveness is real (vs. 9-10)

Sub-topic #2—Keeping it Real

Sub-topic #2 Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-6 – Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, ² that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

³ Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

- Lessons you’ll need in the near future (vs. 1-2)
- Put me up on game! (vs. 3)
- God is One (vs. 4)
- Love God with everything you have (vs. 5)
- Remember these things and hide them in your heart (vs. 6)

Sub-topic #3 – Real Relationships

Sub-topic #3 Scripture: John 13:34-35 – A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Love, a commandment from Jesus (vs. 34)
- Jesus is the example of love (vs. 34)
- Love as the evidence of discipleship (vs. 35)

Discerning Real Friends vs. Fake Friends

- **Proverbs 18:24** – “One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”
- **1st Corinthians 15:33** – “Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’”
- **Proverbs 27:17** – “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Discerning Real Love vs. Lust

- **1st Corinthians 13:4-7** – “Love is patient, love is kind...”

- **1st Thessalonians 4:3-5** – "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality."
- **2nd Timothy 2:22** – "Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace."