

Teen Sunday Bible Study: My name is Ginger Oestreich. I study the issues the teens bring to me.

This year has started out low in attendance. My core teens and myself have talked about the issues tempting and troubling our teens at this time. We think we have come up with a great line up of topics. If there are any teens having any issues they would like to discuss, they are always welcome to call me. Ginger: 262-305-2864. Or email me at: oestreich.gin@gmail.com. These are private conversations.

This is what we have come up with for a line up.

Our study is called, Organizing our lives with Jesus as our guide. The definition for the word **organize** – 1. To arrange into a structured order. 2. Make arrangements or preparations for and event. (Preparing ourselves for death and the thought of eternal life with our Savior.)

We have attained a core of issues that affect all of our every day life.

January 24: Stress – Definition; *Stress* - The normal, internal, physiological mechanism that adapts us to change.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10. But [the Lord] said to me, "My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, my power is made perfect in you." ...For this reason I am happy when I have weaknesses, insults, hard times, sufferings, and all kinds of troubles for Christ. Because when I am weak, then I am truly strong.

January 31: Making right Choices, Accountability. Definition; *Choices* – 1. An act or instance of choosing. 2. Options. 3. An alternative. 4. Carefully selected. *Accountability* – The fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility.

Ephesians 4:22-24. You were taught to leave your old self – to stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self becomes worse, because people are fooled by the evil things in your hearts, to become a new person. That new person is made to be like God – made to be truly good and holy.

February 7: Temptation, Thoughts. Definition; *Temptation* – 1. Something that tempts, entices or allures. 2. The fact or state of being tempted, especially by evil. *Thoughts* – 1. An idea or opinion produced by thinking, or occurring suddenly in the mind. 2. An act of considering or remembering someone or something. 3. An intention, hope, or idea of doing or receiving something.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13. If you think you are strong, you should be careful not to fall. The only temptation that has come to you is that which everyone has. But you can trust God, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand. But when you are tempted, he will also give you a way to escape so that you will be able to stand it.

February 14: Worry. Definition; *Worry* – 1. To torment oneself with or suffer from disturbing thoughts; frets. 2. A worried condition of feeling: uneasiness or anxiety.

Matthew 6: 28 – 30. Why do you worry about clothes? Look at how the lilies in the field grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today but tomorrow is thrown into the fire. So you can be even more sure that God will clothe you.

February 21: Resolving resentment, Restitution. Definition; *Resentment* – The feeling of displeasure or indignation at some act, remark, person, etc., regarded as causing injury or insult. *Restitution* – 1. Recompense for injury or loss. 2. The restoration of something to its original state.

Proverbs 17:9. *Whoever forgives someone's sin makes a friend, but gossiping about the sin breaks up friendships.*

1 Peter 3:8-9. *All of you should be in agreement, understanding each other, loving each other as family, being kind and humble. Do not do wrong to repay a wrong, and do not insult to repay and insult. But repay with a blessing, because you yourselves were called to do this so that you might receive a blessing.*

February 28: Forgiving others, Reconciliation. Definitions; *Forgiving* – 1. Disposed to forgive. 2. Tolerant. *Reconciliation* – 1. The restoration of friendly relations. 2. The action of making one view of belief compatible with another.

Colossians 3:12-13. *God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So always do these things: Show mercy to others, be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Get along with each other, and forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you.*

March 7: Serving others, Service. Definitions; *Serving* – 1. The act of a person or thing that serves. 2. Helping.

James 2:15-16. *A brother or sister in Christ might need clothes or food. If you say to that person "God be with you! I hope you stay warm and get plenty to eat," but you do not give what that person needs, your words are worth nothing.*

March 14: Living like Christ. Godliness. Definitions; *Living* – 1. Having life; being alive; not dead. 2. In actual existence or use. 3 Active or thriving. *Godliness* – The quality of being devoutly religious; piety.

Matthew 5:14-16. *You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lampstand so the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in Heaven.*