

The Rising

CULTIVATING PASSION FOR JESUS



STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Living with Purpose.

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About Us

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STUDENTS WHO

PASSIONATELY KNOW JESUS AND MAKE JESUS KNOWN

are the hope of the world today. God is calling this generation into relationship with him and using them to transform friend groups, schools, and whole communities. You are indispensable to God's kingdom no matter how insignificant you may feel.



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THROUGH THE RISING

you will discover whether or not this whole "Christianity" thing is actually legit. Can you trust the Bible? Is Jesus who he said he is? Why is the world the way it is if God is real?

And when you discover the answers to these questions, it will ignite a passion for God like never before!

Structure

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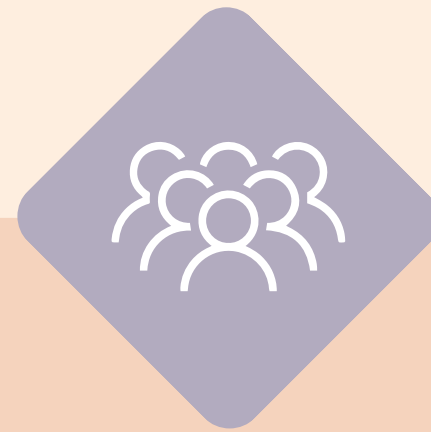
Retreat

It all begins with a weekend retreat. This retreat is an opportunity to jumpstart relationships and get students familiar with each other before The Rising begins.



Opening Conversation

We want to personally meet each family joining The Rising. These conversations are a 30 minute meeting with each student, their parents and Amanda, or Nathan.



Wednesday Gatherings

The bulk of The Rising experience happens on Wednesday nights. Students meet at King of Kings from 6:30-7:45p for teaching, activities and conversation.



Legacy Nights

Three times a year, parents join the Wednesday Gathering for worship, games, conversations, and equipping.



Closing Ceremony

The final event for 8th grade Students. This ceremony marks the end of their time in The Rising, and celebrates the next chapter in their life with Jesus.

The Code

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All for Jesus

He is the reason we have life, purpose and hope. Everything we do is centered around him. If you're unsure about Jesus, or Christianity, we want you to ask questions and really consider everything The Rising emphasizes!



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Honor Students

This is the community God has given to us. Therefore, regardless of where another student is from, attends school, likes or dislikes, we will honor other students.



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Honor Leaders

Our Small Group Leaders have generously given their time, and attention, to lead each group. We will honor whoever is leading, whether it's our regular leader, or a sub, by listening, following directions and paying attention when instructions are given.

Calendar

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September

Central Question

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| 13 :: Opening Night | <i>What is The Rising and why am I in it?</i> |
| 20 :: Purpose | <i>Why do I exist?</i> |
| 27 :: Values | <i>What are the most important things as a Christian?</i> |

November

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| 1 :: The Father | <i>Why is God the Father so angry and destructive?</i> |
| 8 :: Your Biggest Prob. | <i>Why is Jesus so important?</i> |
| 15 :: SERVING NIGHT | |
| 22 - Thanksgiving Break | No Gathering |
| 29 :: The Treasure | <i>If I'm going to be passionate about Jesus, how do I start?</i> |

October

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| 4 :: The Lightning Monk | <i>What is this Lutheran thing all about?</i> |
| 11 :: Group Bonding #1 | |
| 18 :: Legacy Night #1 | <i>How do I inspire my student to passionately know Jesus?</i> |
| 25 :: Greater Love | <i>How do I get motivated to follow Jesus?</i> |

December

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| 6 :: Born Again | <i>How do I receive the Holy Spirit?</i> |
| 13 :: Group Bonding #2 | |

January

Central Question

10 :: Friendship

How do I get closer to God?

17 :: Legacy Night #2

How can I add value to my student's faith?

24 :: Enjoyment

How am I supposed to enjoy God when church is boring?

31 :: Communication

How am I supposed to talk to God?

March

6 :: Testify

How do I share what God has done for me with others?

13 :: Legacy Night #3

How can I create an environment where passion thrives?

20 :: Out Loud

Is there a simple way I can impact others for Jesus?

February

7 :: Break Their Teeth

Am I allowed to tell God how I actually feel?

14 - Ash Wednesday

No Gathering

21 :: Whatever

What does God want me to do with my life?

28 :: Unashamed

Why should I show my faith if people will judge me?

April

3 :: Mistakes

What am I supposed to do when I make mistakes?What is

10 :: Captivating

the point of all this passion for Jesus?

17 :: Finale

What am I supposed to do now that The Rising is ending?

Closing Ceremony

TBD



F.A.Q.

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IS THERE A COST?

The Rising is completely free! We do charge for The Rising Retreat in order to offset the cost of lodging and food.

WE JUST JOINED KING OF KINGS...

And our student is in 8th grade. What do we do?

We're excited you've chosen King of Kings as your church home! This decision is entirely dependent on what your family believes is best. Your student can go through both years of The Rising, or just one to continue on with their peers into high school. We recommend the one year option.

WHAT IF WE MISSED THE RETREAT?

Not a problem! Your student is still eligible to join The Rising. We encourage every student to come and jumpstart their friendships with other students.

REQUIREMENTS?

We require students to attend each Weekly Gathering and an Opening Conversation. Additionally, we ask that one, or both, parents attend each Legacy Night.

Sometimes you just can't make it to a Wednesday Gathering. We get it and we offer grace! However, if a student is missing three, or four weeks out of the year, it may be time to reevaluate if The Rising is best for them.

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KING OF KINGS
STUDENTS GRADES 7-8

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Why The Rising?

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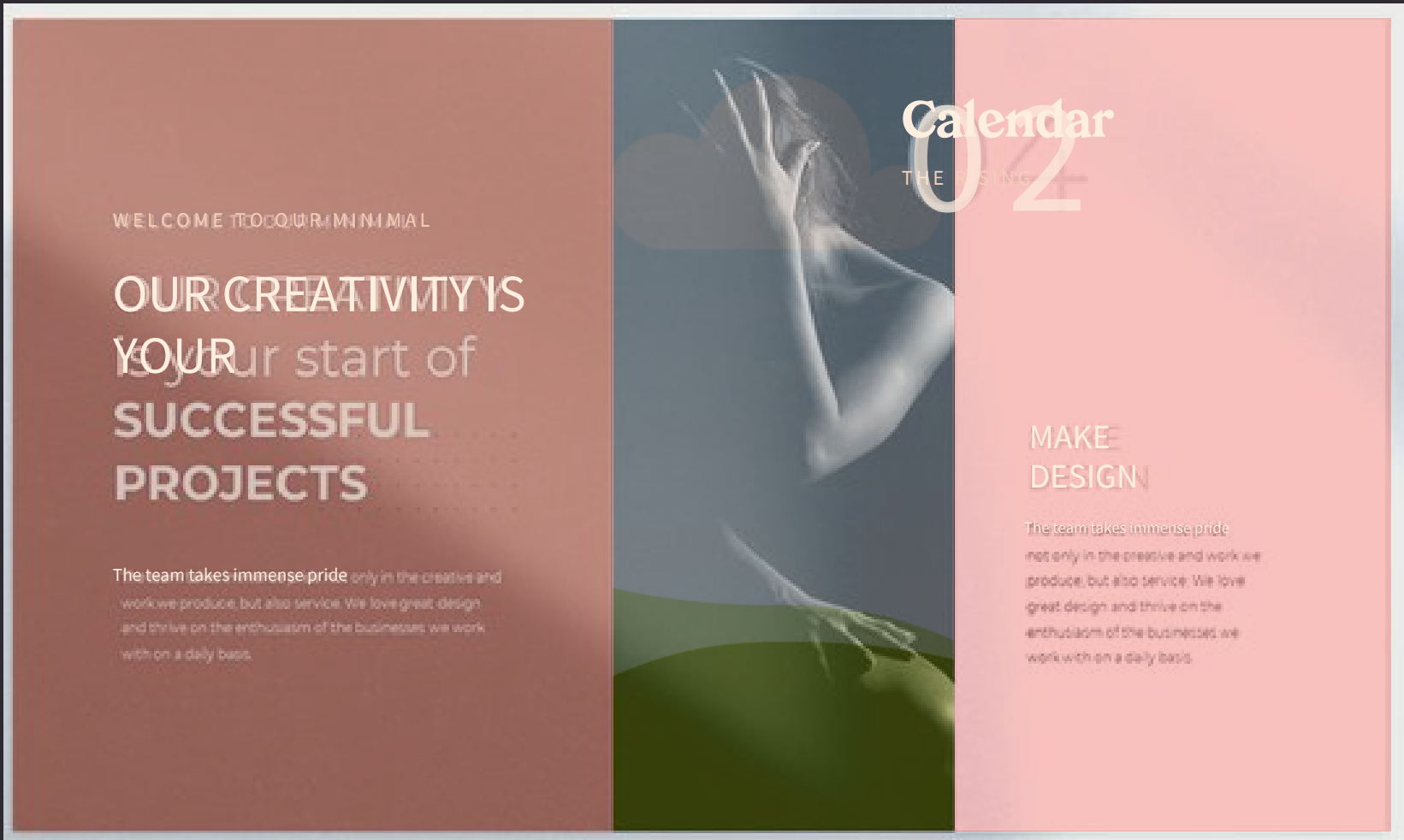
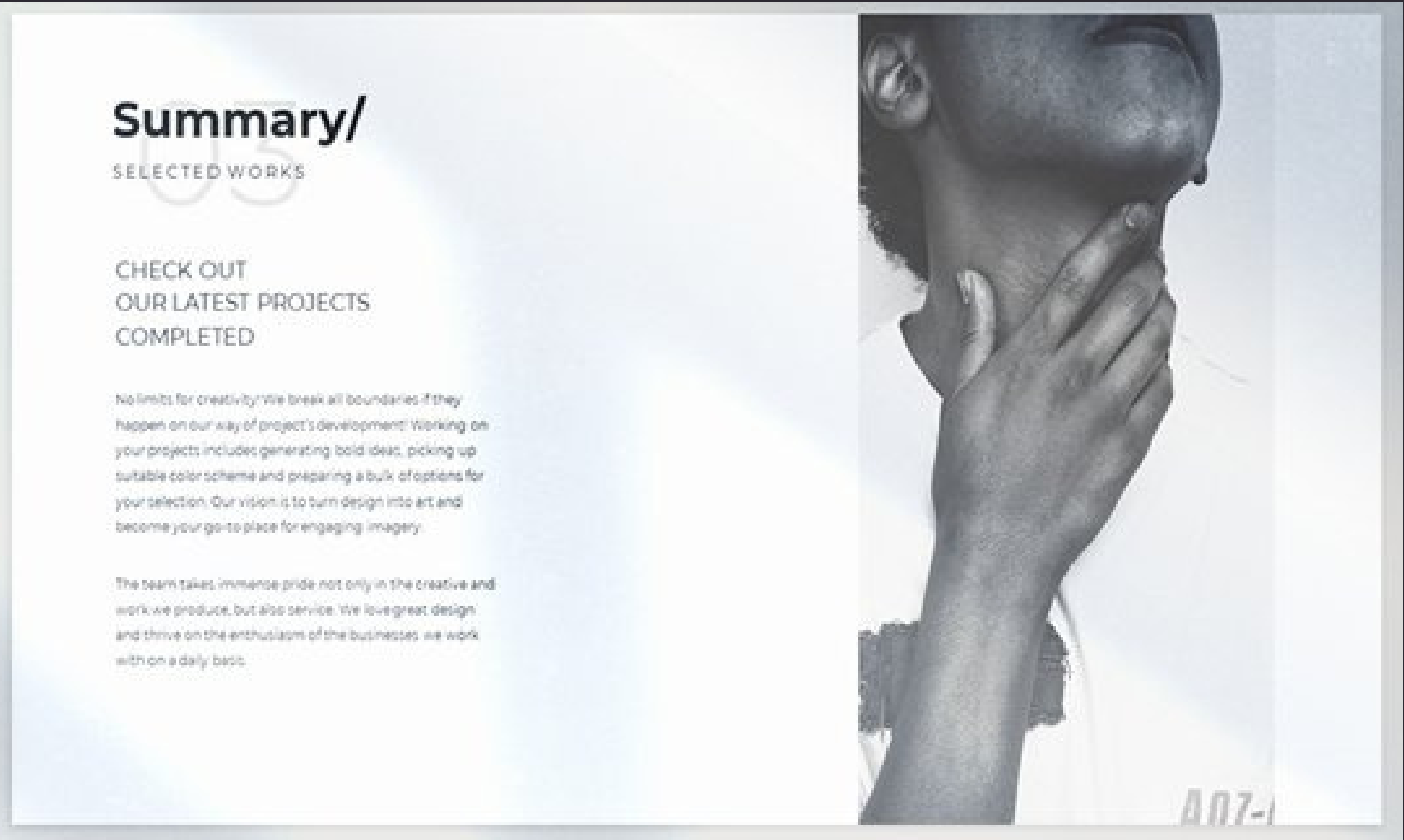
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OUR HOPE

We want to raise up generations of students who passionately follow Jesus and make him known.

Jesus described how this would happen:

“A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

God is responsible for growing and sustaining this passion in our students; we are called to scatter seed and gather the harvest. And like a good farmer, we can help cultivate and prepare our students for the trials of our time.

OUR RESPONSE

There are three ways we can cultivate passion for Jesus: Till the Soil, Add Nutrients, and Create an Environment. We'll explore each of these topics at our Legacy Nights (see page ____).

We must realize today's students are being exposed to errors about the Bible, Christianity and the church earlier than ever before. They exist in a society which values subjective personal experience and the "authentic self" over objective truth. If we have any hope of our students passionately following Jesus and making him known, we need to equip them with Biblical truth to combat the moral, ethical and spiritually bankrupt worldviews of today. They must see there are no other perspectives, religions or answers that adequately account for life's biggest questions, and the universe we inhabit. The Biblical worldview is the only answer, because Jesus alone has the words of eternal life.



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