

# ASCENT: The Upward Look #3 Sunday, Sept 4, 2022 Gahanna campus

### **WELCOME** (15 minutes)

 Ice Breaker: Tell how many brothers & sisters you have and where you fall in your family line.

### WORSHIP (10 minutes)

 Using your favorite streaming service, sing together "Always" by Chris Tomlin. Lyrics are on the back

## WIN (15 minutes)

- Use your PRAYER BOARD to talk about the people you are praying to come to know Jesus as Savior.
- PRAY for them & PLAN something fun to do as a group to invite them to.

### WORD (25 minutes)

- 1. Read aloud Psalm 126:2b-3 and tell about a time when you felt like this!
- 2. Read vs 5-6. Can you think of any examples of "tearful sowing"? What about examples of "joyful harvesting"? What tearful sowing are you dealing with right now that you are waiting for God to bring a joyful harvest out of?
- 3. Read aloud Psalm 127. How are children a blessing? If children are like arrows, then what unique characteristics do arrows have? How are arrows different from swords? How are arrows different from shields?
- 4. What target are you aiming at? What does a bullseye look like for your family? Why must we be willing to release our arrows?
- 5. Read Psalm 128. Talk about how fearing God & walking in obedience to him brings blessings on not only us, but also those under our influence. While these verses mention a husband and father, how can each one of us bring blessing to those under our physical and spiritual influence?

### WORKS (25 minutes)

• Break down into smaller units of 2 or 3s to pray with and for each other!

#### "Always" by Chris Tomlin

I believe you gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
You're still the same

I believe every word that you say I believe there are scars in your hands That your goodness is good without end And you'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace

The God of creation, knows me by name

The Lord is faithful, yesterday now and always

Always

Your mercy is mighty, age after age, all generations

Will bow down and praise the Lord is faithful

Yesterday now and always, always

I believe you will come in the clouds
I believe you are here even now
In your presence I know there is power
Power to save

I will tell of your wonders, sing of your grace

The God of creation, knows me by name

The Lord is faithful, yesterday now and always

Always

Your mercy is mighty, age after age, all generations

Will bow down and praise the Lord is faithful

Yesterday now and always, always

You were, you are
You always will be God
You were, you were
You are, you are
You always will be God
Yes you always will be God

I will tell of your wonders
Sing of your grace, sing of your grace
God of creation, knows me by name
The Lord is faithful, yesterday now and
always
Always

Your mercy is mighty, age after age All generations will bow down and praise the Lord is faithful Yesterday now and always, always

You were, you were
You are, you are
You always will be God(you always will
be God)
You were, you were
You are, you are
You always will be God
Oh
You always will be God

Your mercy is mighty
Age after age
All generations
Will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful
Yesterday now always