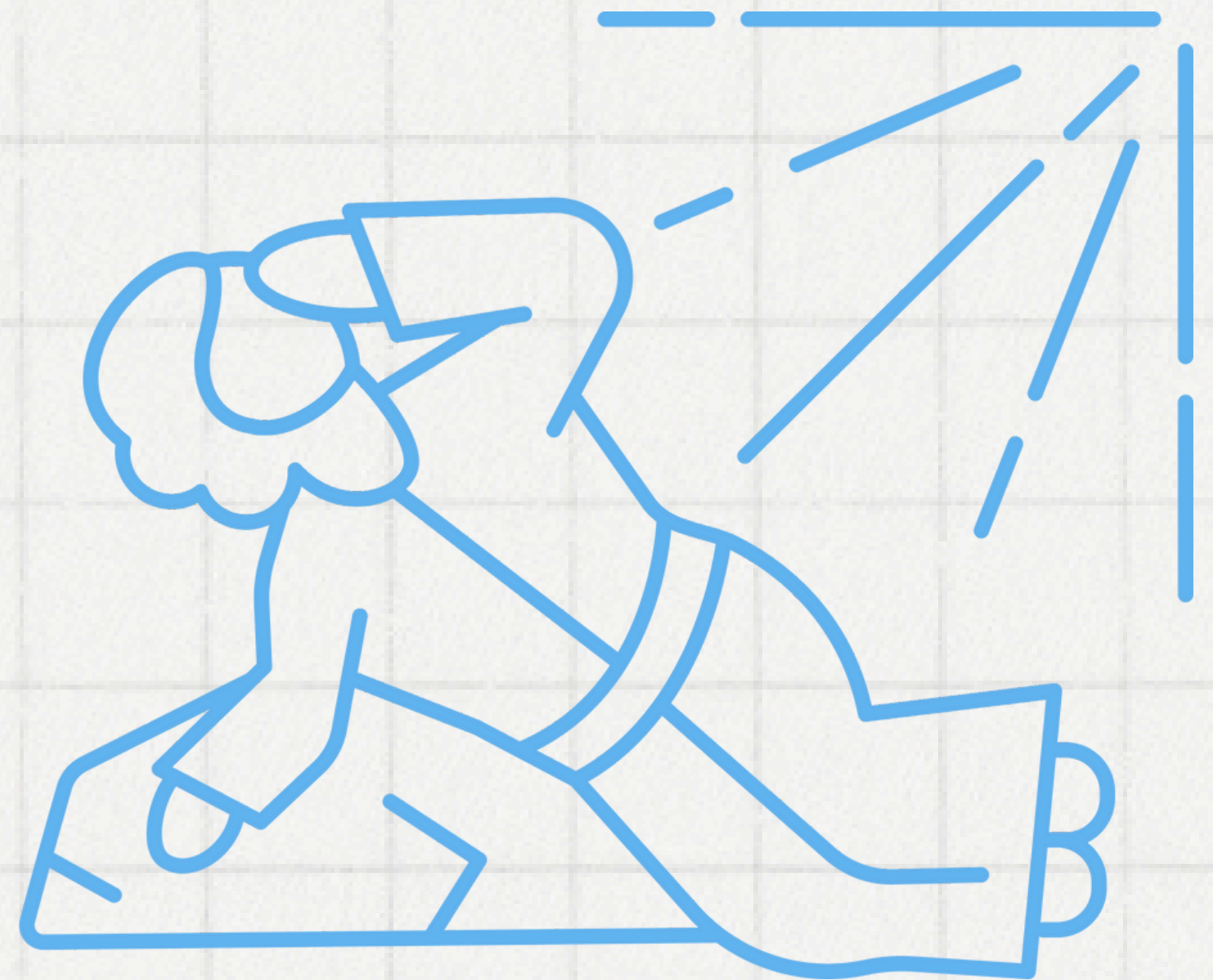


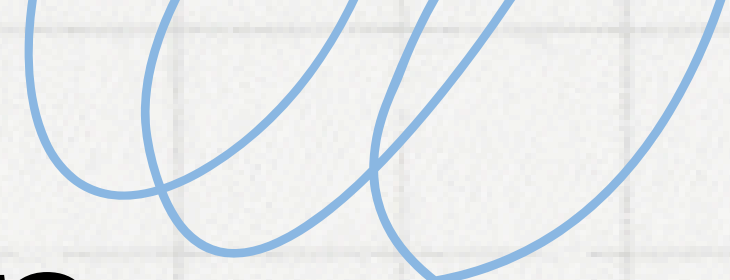

Youth Mokjang

Second Week of May

Christ Connection

The conversion and calling of Saul is a demonstration of God's power to save. Through an encounter with the crucified and risen Jesus, this once-hardened persecutor of God's people began his journey to becoming perhaps the greatest missionary the world has ever known. Only the gospel can transform a public opponent of Christ into a fervent witness to His salvation.


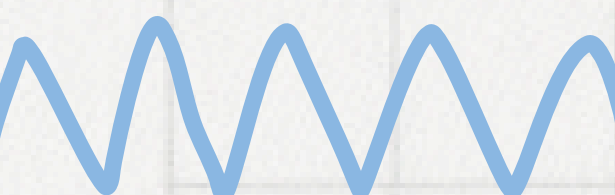




We Can Pray for God to Change Hearts

Matthew 5:43-44

We will be reading from
Matthew 5:43-44 to review
Sunday's main theme.



Matthew 5:43-44

WE CAN PRAY FOR GOD TO CHANGE HEARTS

Read Matthew 5:43-44

While we know we should pray for the salvation of all people, sometimes it's really hard. Sometimes, we want to pray for God's wrath in people's lives rather than His grace. But we were once His enemies too, and He loved and saved us even then (Rom. 5:8). And God called us to call all people to follow Him, not just the people we like. This is a hard truth. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit helps us to pray for others and to treat them as God would have us do--even when it's hard (Rom. 8:28; Gal 5:22-23). So, when it's tough to love others or see that God could possibly save them, pray for God to save them anyway.



We Can Pray for God to Change Hearts



- When is it hard for you to pray for other people?
- Which is more difficult--Praying for Someone who needs Jesus and hurts people but isn't involved in your life or praying for someone who needs Jesus but has hurt you directly? Why?
- What can you do to help you pray for God's grace toward people who hurt you rather than his wrath?
- Does considering that you were once God's enemy but he loved and saved you help you love and pray for people who've hurt you to come to know him? Explain.

The Wrap Up:

Allow everyone to gather in small groups or pairs. Invite them to discuss the types of people they struggle to pray for most (ex. family, friends, classmates). Encourage students to avoid gossip but talk about why they struggle to pray for those people. Ask them to pray together for the people each of them mentioned.

As you close, pray for students to be grateful for the gift of salvation that extends to all people and to be filled with God's grace to extend that invitation to others.

Prayer

**Take turn going around sharing one prayer request.
Once everyone is done, pray for the person on the right.
Take turns to pray until everybody prayed.**

Student leader ends with final prayer.

"God people are one as God is one"