

✘ School Boundaries ✘

SCHOOL BOUNDARIES-SCHOOL PROVIDES CLEAR RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

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Titus 3:1-2: Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone."

- How would you categorize your list of rules? (eg. relational, safety, protection)
- Pick a few rules on your list. Imagine what may have first happened that caused someone to create this rule?
- What rules seem pointless to you?
- How do you react to pointless rules?
- Give an example of a rule in your school that you are glad exists? What would happen if it didn't?
- What would a boundary-less school be like?
- Who gets to make rules? Do you?
- Who are rule makers in authority you trust and respect?
- What qualities do they have?
- What are relational rules that are important to you?
- What does God say about rules and laws?
- Is it okay to disobey a rule? Why? Why not? When?
- What is a rule that still needs to be made?



So What?

How has the discussion shaped your your thoughts about rules and boundaries?



Candle Time

As an upbeat musical selection plays participants move from one square to the next. When the music stops each person is standing on a prayer direction, which guides their verbal prayers. (Suggestions in Leader Page.)



EXPLORE

- Proverbs 13:13 people who despise advice will...
- Exodus 18:20 teach them God's laws and instructions
- Psalms 105:45 so they would follow his principals and obey his laws
- Micah 6:8 act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly
- Lam 3:21-33 he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.
- Deut. 11:1 keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances...



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Discussion Goal

Boundaries are created to protect

Background

As youth, we have all tested the boundaries. We may have stayed out past curfew just to see what would happen. We have asked for an extension on an assignment to see if we would get it. This is what growing up is all about, and at school it is no different. Students are constantly testing the meaning and purpose of all the rules that they are to be following while at school, and it is important for them as students to see that the rules are there, not as punishments, but as ways to help them become better citizens of the world, as well as for their own safety and protection.

For youth who are testing their personal, family, and school boundaries, it is important for them to have the understanding that these rules and guidelines are there for a reason, and none of them are pointless, each rule at school and home, has a purpose behind it, weather it be for safety, education, or common good to each other. We as the leaders must make that apparent to them, through verse, action, and lifestyle.

It is also important for youth to see how God relates in all of this. They must see that God is in action weather they see it blatantly or not. If the rule is in place, than God has a purpose for creating the rule.

Motivate

Brainstorm a list of rules that have guided your day. Include safety, driving, common sense, self imposed, school, family, ones on signs, spoken, laws, commandments and any other source they can think of.



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Possible Categories for Musical Prayers

- Shout your favorite name for God.
- Shout out one thing you are grateful for,
- Stop, ask God what he wants to say,
- Tell God about your day,
- Ask God for something you want / need,
- Ask God for something for one of your friends,
- Thank God for one person in your life,
- Ask God to meet with someone,
- Shout out the name of someone you hope to become a Christian,
- Tell God something you want forgiveness for,
- Tell God someone you want to forgive.

...Add some of your own prayer requests or needs of others