

# imitator parent overview

Dear Parents,

As you know, our DNow Weekend is just around the corner. I wanted to take a moment and fill you in on our theme for this year, and to also ask you to begin to pray for us as we head into this meaningful time in the life of our youth ministry.

As the parent of a teenager, there's no doubt you've watched your child's identity change and evolve. So much of the stuff they do, places they go, clothes they wear, music they listen to, and even the things they say are influenced by other people. Their lives are often imitations of those around them. **In essence, they are whom they imitate.** And, depending on who they're around, there are times when this can be a really negative thing.

*But there is a positive side of imitation.* There's a kind of imitation that unlocks potential instead of putting a lid on it. There's a way of being an imitator that actually finds them doing and being exactly what they were intended to do and be. And this kind of imitation is what our DNow Weekend is all about.

Your child is about to be embarking on a study of **Imitator**, a powerful time of Bible study and application, learning about the God-imitating life Scripture calls us to. *Imitator* will teach your child what the Bible says about:

- The call all throughout the Bible to live as imitators of God
- What this looks like in our daily lives
- The purpose and motivation behind living this God-imitating life
- The power we have through the Spirit to actually live as God's children

Soon you'll receive a follow-up from me that will equip you with two key pieces of content:

1. A guide to inform you of the topics we'll be covering in our Small Group sessions
2. Some questions for you to utilize in following-up with your child, reinforcing what he or she will have studied

*Studies show that you are the most influential force in your child's life as it pertains to shaping his or her spiritual identity.* My goal in these updates is to equip you to help continue and build on the process we will have started during our DNow Weekend.

Please be praying for our ministry, your child, and your child's friends as we challenge them with this relevant, timely message from the Bible.