

Dear friends,

I hope you've enjoyed your first week of classes! I'm looking forward to what the rest of the year has in store for us. We heard a great word from Dr. Kent Ingle today and I hope it was as inspiring for you as it was for me. I love what Mark 1:17 says about how Jesus' disciples dropped everything *at once* to follow Him. As Dr. Ingle mentioned today, these disciples trusted Jesus. This is a great example of what trust and faithfulness to Jesus should look like.

Chapel Next Week

Next Wednesday is our NUSG chapel. You will be hearing from our Student Government team. Friday we will hear from Dr. Moses Harris as he takes into chapter 2 of the book of Mark.

Fall Faith Challenge

On Monday, we introduced our Fall Faith Challenge which is a challenge to pray, journal/write about God's faithfulness and to live in harmony. I highly encourage you to make this a daily priority in your lives.

Human Trafficking

We, as a University, have adopted the focus of the fight against Human Trafficking. Forced sexual exploitation is modern day slavery and is a huge issue in our world today, and even in our own city of Kirkland. Through our Friday offerings, we will continue to raise funds to help rescue and bring restoration to the victims of this unjust act.

Crews

Crews are a vital part of our community. It is a great way to meet students who share the same interests as you but also to grow and build solid friendships and help one another grow. Crew leader applications are due next Friday, September 10th by 5pm so if leading a Crew is something that's been laid on your heart, I encourage you to fill out an application.

Pursuit

In honor of Labor day on Monday, there will be no Pursuit. We will kick off again with a great Pursuit service the following Monday. I hope to see you there!

Scripture

"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul." -Psalm 118:8

I want to challenge each of you to reflect on this verse and apply it to your own life. As you go about your day, commit to trusting in God no matter what the day may bring.

Enjoy your 3-day weekend!

Your friend,
Pastor Phil