

Diverge Winter Retreat

Jan 12th-14th

Where: River Oaks Retreat in Honea Path

Cost: \$100

Family discount:

2nd child same family: \$75

3rd child same family: \$50

Cost covers room and board for 2 nights as well as dinner Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Due: Signup/Medical Release forms and payments are due by Wednesday, Jan 4th.

- All signups after the 3rd will pay a late penalty of \$15 per student, as well as possibly not be able to choose t-shirt size. Only a limited number of spots will be available after the 3rd.

Leaving: Meet at the church on Friday the 12th at 5:00 to check-in and eat. We will plan on leaving as close to 6:00 as we can.

- **Late Bus:** If there are basketball players or cheerleaders who have a game Friday, we will have transportation for you late on Friday night. Let me know if this applies to you and a possible time you can be at church to leave for Retreat. Only those playing or cheering are allowed to leave on the late bus.
- If you can help drive the late bus to drop off students, please let me know.

Exchange: Gaining Through Giving Up

In every exchange, something must be given up in order for something to be gained. At the heart of the Gospel there is a *single, powerful exchange* that occurred when a flawless Savior took the flaws of humanity to the cross, exchanging His life for ours. But this one exchange actually empowers *countless exchanges* in the lives of those who will believe and follow . . . Death for Life. Self for Christ. Hate for Love. Comfort for Calling. *Exchange* will help your students to see the Gospel and its impact on their lives through the lens of these exchanges. They'll understand how much they stand to gain by simply giving up. ***Exchange will challenge your students to radically embrace the power of the "exchanged life."***

Small Group Session 1

Session Title: Exchanging Death for Life

- **Session Purpose:** To help students grasp the death-to-life transformation Christ made possible, and to challenge them to respond to it based on where they are in their spiritual lives.
- **Main Scripture:** Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Small Group Session 2

Session Title: Exchanging Self for Christ

- **Session Purpose:** To show students that following Christ means exchanging their ownership of their lives for Christ's ownership of their lives, and how this exchange looks in their lives.
- **Main Scripture:** Matthew 16:24-25

Small Group Session 3

Session Title: Exchanging Hate For Love

- **Session Purpose:** To help students understand how they are defined as Christ-followers by the exchange of hatred toward others for love for all people, and to identify some practical ways this fleshes out in their lives.
- **Main Scripture:** Romans 1:18-32

Small Group Session 4

Session Title: Exchanging Comfort for Calling

- **Session Purpose:** To end the small group sessions with a challenge to students to boldly live out the exchanging of their comfort for God's call to be on mission, both today and in the future.
- **Main Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20