Parents,

The Jerusalem Project is a five day ,mission and ministry event designed to meet needs in the BCS area and provide an opportunity for students to experience ministry and service.  The name flows out of Acts 1:8 where Jesus tells his disciples,

***“And you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,***

***and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,***

***and even to the ends of the earth.”***

BCS is our Jerusalem and we are called to be witnesses where God has planted us! During the week, students will be involved in a variety of projects and ministries. In a typical week we divide the day into three sections and place students on teams with older and younger members.  In the morning we focus on a rotating schedule of community outreach projects that includes individual needs for senior adults, Brazos church pantry, community café, the ship shop, nursing homes, and more. The afternoon is reserved for playing with elementary aged students and leading bible studies with them at local apartment complexes (most likely… this is still being finalized) during the evening we go door to door to pray for people in our community.  This creates a wide variety of experiences and opportunities for students to grow!

The Jerusalem Project, affectionately called “JP” will begin on Sunday afternoon. The students will stay at the church for the duration of the event, just as if we were in another city serving. All meals are included in the $120 fee. (We always welcome help with meal preparation for breakfasts and dinners ☺)  There are built in worship, training, quiet time, and group activities during the week.  Unlike a retreat or camp, we have strict guidelines for lights out and rest so that we can make sure to be physically prepared for the work each day. We recruit leaders from our ZEAL leaders and college ministry to assist with the event and lead our teams.

We will conclude the week on Thursday evening with dinner and worship time for all the families of the participants. During this event, we will recap the week and hear how God worked in and through the lives of our students.

Jerusalem Project is designed to deepen each student’s heart for ministry and service and to experience what God can do through each of them when they simply submit to His call.  While JP is open to any student, 6-12 grade, there is an application process, and students need to understand this is not just a retreat type event for fun and fellowship. Also, students need to have a desire to serve God and walk with Him. Applications are available now and must be submitted no later than February 9th.  An online application through the student ministry website is preferred. For more details, feel free to contact any of the Student Ministry Team!

Sincerely, Student Ministry Team