

# ENGAGE

:: Impacting A Hostile World

Dear Parent,

This letter is to let you know that we've just completed the third lesson of *Engage*, the 4-lesson study on learning how to impact a hostile world for Christ. If you recall, the first lesson laid the foundation for the idea of the tension students face between this world and God's Kingdom. The second lesson helped students see that they are not really of this world because Jesus has transformed them. This third lesson explored the "how to" of *Engage*.

The third lesson was entitled "Engaging with the World" and focused on two passages:

- Matthew 5:13-16
- 1 Peter 1:13-16

The point of the lesson was that students would realize that they are not to withdraw from the world, but instead are to be engaged with it, living as a light for Christ amidst the spiritual darkness.

## Next Steps . . .

As you go through this week with your child, look for instances to create some dialogue based on the theme of this lesson. Consider discussing the following questions or concepts:

- Talk with your child about groups of religious people who have decided to not engage with the world.
- Share with your child a time when God used you to engage with the world around you for Him.
- Discuss with your child the delicate line between being an influencer and being influenced by the culture around him or her.

Please take time this week to pray that the Holy Spirit will begin to develop a deeper passion for sharing the gospel in your child and in our student ministry. The gospel is a great message of the rescue that is found in Christ. Pray that we will become a student ministry who clearly communicates the gospel in a way that truly engages the culture.

