



LOVING

Lord, we pray this day mindful of the sorry confusion of our world. Look with mercy upon this generation of your children so steeped in misery of their own contriving, so far strayed from your ways and so blinded by passions. We pray for the victims of tyranny, that they may resist oppression with courage. We pray for wicked and cruel men, whose arrogance reveals to us what the sin of our own hearts is like when it has conceived and brought forth its final fruit.

We pray for ourselves who live in peace and quietness, that we may not regard our good fortune as proof of our virtue, or rest content to have our ease at the price of other men's sorrow and tribulation.

We pray for all who have some vision of your will, despite the confusions and betrayals of human sin, that they may humbly and resolutely plan for and fashion the foundations of a just peace between men, even while they seek to preserve what is fair and just among us against the threat of malignant powers. Amen. (Reinhold Niebuhr 1892 - 1971)

LEARNING

Although we ended the year much different than we all anticipated when the 2019/2020 school year started, it's still important to reflect on your journey as a Christian school teacher. How have you ensured the learning experience for students was distinct or... peculiar? How have you moved your students toward your school's mission/vision? In Tft we have a "peculiar teacher" promise:

I can design (curate) learning experiences that:

Invite every student to explore their role in the Kingdom story

Nurture every student's desire to be a peculiar person

Empower every student to practice their life's expression

The 3 core practices help us to ensure that we are designing "peculiar" learning experiences and moving towards your school's mission/vision being actualized:

Storyline - Every Christian school classroom must have a powerful and compelling vision of the Kingdom that creates a longing and a desire within every student to play their part in God's unfolding story of creation - fall - redemption - restoration.

Throughlines - Every Christian school classroom must have an articulate and inspiring student profile that invites every student to imagine how to play their part in God's story.

FLEx (Formational Learning Experiences) - Every Christian school classroom must provide authentic (real work, real problem, real world) opportunities for students to practice living the Kingdom story. This practice becomes a habit, shaping who we are.

How have you “invited, nurtured and empowered” students to “explore, desire and practice” their role in God’s amazing story? How will you participate in His story this summer?

LEADING

Next Wednesday at 1:30 MDT we are holding our final [Leaders’ zoom](#) of the school year. It will be a roundtable discussion on what you’ve learned about remote learning and teaching this year. We will be focusing our conversation around what things would you STOP, START, CONTINUE for remote learning. Come ready to share! If you are still going to survey your community (staff, parents, students) here are some [sample questions](#).

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