



Dear Parents,

Believe is just around the corner and we wanted to make sure you were as informed as possible before signing up your child to join us on this amazing weekend event specifically designed for Jr. high students (grades 6-8).

In case you've never heard of Believe before, let me give you a quick overview. It's a weekend event produced by Christ In Youth, an organization that has been putting together age-intentional events all over the world for almost 50 years (you can check out their website at www.ciy.com/believe). It takes place in a large auditorium, where your child will worship alongside tons of other students their age. It's literally an experience they'll get nowhere else. It's also one of the safest and most well-organized events for students in the country!

The theme this year at Believe is "I AM" and will help students explore their identity in Christ. The idea of identity is a universal struggle. Every generation wrestles with it. Jr. high students sit at a pivotal moment in their lives where they are constantly asking the question "Who am I?" A student can't truly know who they are until they know who God is. And this year CIY's Believe tour will help Jr. high students understand what it means to find their identity in God.

There are hundreds of "I Am" statements in the Bible, but Believe will focus on four key phrases during the 2018-19 tour that will be a foundation for Jr. high students to have deeper conversations about identity: "I am God's masterpiece," "I am God's child," "I am the church" and "I am a Kingdom worker."

Believe also offers small group times in which your child can connect with adult leaders and other students. This is one of the most important things we can do as a youth ministry. Next to your influence as a parent, building those bonds between our leaders and their peers is the No. 1 thing that will help your child grow in their relationship with Christ.

The dates for this are March 22nd and March 23rd. We will leave Kingsway at 2pm on Friday the 22nd and return on Saturday the 23rd around 8pm. We will be staying at Southwoods Christian Church on Friday night. The cost this year will be 80 dollars which will cover transportation, all meals, and registration. Deadline for registrations will be February 22nd, after that the price will be 90 dollars

We're excited for Believe and the amazing experiences we'll have over the weekend. If you have any questions that can't be answered by visiting www.ciy.com/believe, then please contact me at matt@kingswayomaha.com.

Sincerely,
Matt Stevens