

“Shine Like Stars 2018”

On the weekend of February 16-18 a group from SGY traveled to Mountain View Christian Camp for the Shine Like Stars Leadership Conference. The main topic of this convention was being strong and courageous in our faith and in being a leader.

We talked about the story of Joshua and how he was put in a position, by God, to learn how to be a leader. He was taught by Moses. He eventually used those skills he learned to lead the people of Israel. Similarly, God has plans for us. We were put in a position to learn to be spiritual and social leadership figures.

But, as we grow in these roles we will have to make decisions; decisions that may prevent us from bringing some to Christ. While we are called to be a light to the world, we cannot allow the world to snuff out our light. That being said, some people we try to help refuse it, but we cannot allow their decisions to cause us to fall.

In one of the lessons, it was said that our faith is like a sword. It can be used to defend yourself or it can be used to cut out the bad in your life. We want to hold ourselves and others accountable and if necessary cut out the bad. We can't save everyone, though we are called to try. In another lesson, the analogy of walking through a crowd of people and calling for them to follow was made. This is another example of how, we as leaders, should try to show others the way to Christ but not lose our focus.

To summarize what I took away from this trip, we are called to be strong and courageous leaders and use our faith to defend ourselves while bringing others to Christ.

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