**WELCOME! Thank yous—drivers, kitchen, donaters of card and cash or cars; CUT organizers; CUT participants; CUT hosts; prayer team; a parent that trusted us with a kids;**

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**What was Survivor 2025? Take Note!**

**Do you notice? Do you take note? Do you go beyond looking to seeing? Do you notice what God is up to as He redeems this world, and then join Him? Do you notice those around you and what God is doing through them and how you need those around you? Do you notice, like in a puzzle, how little pieces often make a surprising, big picture?**

**We all carry within us a great potential for knowing God. As followers of Christ, we have been given a gift of inner vision. Eyes of the heart. This inner vision, these eyes of the heart allow us to see (if we will notice and take note) to “see” divine mysteries, even while walking around in not-so-divine bodies, living in not-so-divine places.**

**Jesus noticed things—things from His creation: fig trees, where fish were hanging out; birds of the air, etc. But mostly, and most importantly, Jesus noticed his creation of PEOPLE—Zacchaeus, little children, a widow putting coins in the church offering; lepers begging in the distance; blind men. We want to be like Jesus.**

**Each morning we took note of Characters from God’s word who noticed what God was doing. . .**

**--Anna and Simeon in the temple—this baby is our Messiah**

**--The Roman centurion. He noticed, 3 hours of darkness, earthquake, rocks splitting, opening up of holy place, people rising from the dead. His conclusion on noticing: “Surely this was the Son of God'’**

**--Disciples on the road to Emmaus following the crucifixion and resurrection . . . and Jesus stepped into their path, stepped into their stride and walked alongside them. Where on our path do we see Jesus step into our stride and walk alongside us?**

**--Peter and the disciples gone fishing after Jesus is resurrected from the dead. Jesus, a stranger on the shore, calling out, “Cast your nets on the other side . . . “ Jesus inviting them, those who had denied him, inviting them to breakfast.**

**In addition to noticing Bible characters who noticed the movement of God, we also completed 80 CUTS—Cool Unexpected Things. Serving widows, orphans, the elderly, over a dozen different non-profits in Colorado Springs.**

**We painted maps on playgrounds; we served as a hospitality team for a grand opening of a complex for low income elderly people in our community; we moved bricks; we moved rocks; we moved spider webs; we slept on the floor; we walked away from our cell phones and silenced our devices; we ate in the basement; we moved 30 kids to service all over this city—all in the power and name of Jesus.**

**We engaged two sessions of how to TAKE NOTE—expanding our remembering and recording skills**

**We improved our noticing skills at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Museum—we played “burn or steal”; we created frames and framed art**

**We improved our noticing skills at 21CLibrary, listening to Chuck Asay talk about how an artist first notices, translates what he see and then communicates through his art.**

**We interviewed 9 different people, learning to notice by listening, more than just hearing, to really listen to the stories of others. What God has done through others for His kingdom.**

**All week, we played a noticing game called: Find Jesus, Take Jesus—expand.**

**Each evening we Considered a different FACT OR FICTION statement—like mystery solvers—we looked for clues to confirm the truth or not truth. These are considerations chosen specifically for our middle school and high school students . . . but they are good thoughts for us to consider as well:**

**Fact or Fiction??**

**The reality in my head . . . is reality.**

**But the fact is . . . I can trust God to ALWAYS be up to something bigger than what I can “see.” God is operating in a big picture of love and redemption. He is not “stuck” in the details and circumstances right in front of me. NOTICE WHAT GOD IS UP TO—BIG PICTURE GOD!**

**Fact or Fiction??**

**People say “I am out of control”—I need to make better choices, I need to try harder to bring my life back under control.**

**But the fact is . . . God is God and I am not. He controls now and He controls future.**

**Fact or Fiction??**

**I am the only one. I am alone.**

**But the fact is . . . You have the presence of all of God (the Father, the Son, the Spirit) living inside you. You are not alone. AND It is on MISSION for God—serving others in sacrifice—that there is the cure for “aloneness.” NOTICE what God is up to and join Him.**

**Fact or Fiction??**

**I am not known. I am invisible. I am not necessary.**

**The fact is: You ARE known—perfectly known by your Creator. You ARE complete—perfectly complete. You ARE necessary. He is the one who wrote and continues to write your story. You are not invisible. You are uniquely necessary for God’s kingdom.**

***BELIEVE TRUE THINGS!!***

**We are FBC, We are Front Range Alliance, We are Academy Christian West—we are the people of God, on mission, TOGETHER. We are so much more than a group of believers that gather in INDIVIDUAL BUILDINGS on Saturday or Sunday. We are a kingdom force for the gospel in our community. We are the caretakers of God’s light, God’s power in our world today. As the gospels tell us, Go into your world—and as you go, pay attention—take note of His presence. Don’t simply “look”—SEE! Notice what God is “up to” and join Him. Look for His moving in Cool Unexpected Things within Cool Unexpected Things. It will always include sacrifice; it will always include serving.**

**AND WE WILL SURVIVE! HAVE STUDENTS DO YAY GOD!**

**In closing . . . Share 3 texts:**

**Explain CUT within a CUT--Story of Rachel’s neighbor—Dan forgetting the grace**

**gift**

**Garylynn street**

**Rachel’s text**