

Twelfth Grade – What to Do When Life Hits The Fan

As your students are preparing their hearts and minds to go into adulthood, deep down, they are all aware that there are certainly seasons ahead where life will feel like it's all falling apart. No matter how good or godly or hardworking we may be, life rains on us all eventually. One of the most helpful things we can do for our students is to let them see behind the scenes of our own lives. It's easy for students to see the church leaders in their lives as simply a "different" kind of person than them- one for whom faith is easier, discipline comes naturally, someone who simply doesn't mess up like they do. Our suggestion for you is to pick a few leaders and staff members and ask them to share the story of a dark season in their life, how they coped (good or bad), and how God eventually got them out of that. Then ask them to share what they would do differently if they could go back and know what they know now. This may feel vulnerable and awkward, but our students desperately need to know how human the men and women they look up to are. We don't want to raise up students who are too ashamed to get back up when they fall, we want to raise up students who know that all of God's people are broken, and all of us are on the journey towards Christ-likeness together.