

\*activity write on piece of paper "God is Dead" \*

What does it mean to work for Jesus? \*ask them\*

To work for Jesus not only means spreading the word of God but also showing it and putting it into our actions. Just because we go to Church doesn't mean we want to. Just because we read the Bible doesn't mean we really understand it.

Why do you go to Church?

How many of you go to Church because you're forced to and rather sleep in? because you want to?

Why do we need to work for Jesus? What has he done for us that we need to work for him? \*ask them\* From what I know all he did was die on the cross and to some of us that's still not enough. We all go around saying we love Jesus and he's this great guy; he's our savior, but we can never show it. \*ask them their favorite music artists\* **EXACTLY!!!** When it comes down to them we have no problem getting into arguments about who's better, screaming at the top of our lungs at their concerts that we love them or

wearing shirts advertising them. I know this one guy who loves Beyonce like he's obsessed and when people say that they don't like her or say something bad about her he will get upset and start arguing with that person and honestly it's not even that serious. I mean yeah I like her and everything but what has she ever done for me? She doesn't pay my school tuition or even know I exist, just like she doesn't know my friend who's obsessed with her exists, he's just another crazy obsessive fan of hers. So you guys can tell me, **WHY CAN'T WE DO THE SAME FOR JESUS?!** He knows everything, those who exist, and those who died, even those who haven't been born yet. And don't get me wrong it's not bad to love these artists, but when it really comes down to it why can't we give **HIM** the same respect we give them? **HE IS THE ONE WHO GAVE THEM THE TALENT SO WHY DOESN'T HE GET THE CREDIT?**

You're all probably saying in your head oh how can she be standing there trying to lecture us that we don't do any of this and she probably does the same and to be honest you're right. I used to be the quiet one and didn't want anyone to know I went to youth group because nowadays going to

Church and going to youth group is lame and being a "Church girl" is considered "boring". My group meets every Friday night and when I try telling people, "Come with me to my group it'll be fun" they look at me like I have three heads. I know they're thinking "Briana you know I have something better to do and I don't want to spend my Friday night at some Church" I completely understand that, I probably have better things to do too but at the same time I love it. I love my group, everything they've done for me; the way I've changed and the fact I can say my faith is so much stronger than it was 3 years ago. I've been in catholic school all my life and it wasn't the same until I came here. Every year we have a caminata (March 26) which is like a march and we walk for hours just singing and trying to spread the word of God. We let everyone know that yeah we love Jesus what are you gonna do about it? As we're walking I see a whole bunch of people from their windows smiling and trying to sing along with us even if they don't know the songs. Then I see those people who look at us like we're dumb and the world is filled with those kinds of people but they're the one you can't let ruin your faith no matter what.

You see those people that come knocking at your doors on Saturdays at 8 in the morning? Yeah we make fun of them and even try to pretend that we're not home because I know I do that, but I have to give them credit. No matter what the weather or time they're out there at your doors trying to get you to listen to them and hear what they have to say. I'm more than 100% sure they know how much people hate the fact that they're consistently knocking at our doors but to me it shows how dedicated they are and they will do whatever they need to do whether we want to listen to them or not. I'm not saying we have to do what they do because personally that's a little too much for me, BUUUT we should be as dedicated as they are. We should be able to have as much pride about our faith like them and when it's time to tell people who Jesus is we'll do it without hesitation. **So how can we do Jesus' work?** Let people know he's there. Let them know how much he loves them; he's always going to be there and when they're ready to go out and find him his door will be open. No matter the time or circumstances it's never too late to look for him.

\*go back to the piece of paper and ask who wrote it/who didn't write and why they did what they did. Then those who didn't write it explain that we need to be like them. We should be able to stand up for our faith no matter what anyone says.\*