

## ***“Elevate”*** Program Challenge for Week 18    Week beginning February 27

Russ – Grade 7/8

God gave men and women a wonderful gift in the way He designed them to be distinctly different, but perfectly complementary. By God’s design male leadership is a blessing to women who are created to be willing submissive helpers and nurturers. The God-given roles of wife and mother are both satisfying and show the perfection of God’s design.

Bill – Grade 9/10

When we are little children one of the first things we grasp is the concept of “mine.” As adults, we sometimes have a mighty “mine” concept and a very vague “yours.” God in the eighth commandment is saying more than “hands off your neighbor’s things.” God is the Creator of ALL things, which are on loan to us as temporary accountable possessions. It’s not just about stealing but fraud, income-tax deception, shoplifting, locker pilfering and illegal downloads, but we are asked first to be concerned with our neighbor’s good. Sharing makes our neighbor a brother or sister. We are called to use our things to bless His kingdom.

Doug – Grade 11/12

This week (and for the next two), we will be exploring the church, as God’s elect. We will be looking at how our identities are shared within the life of the church, with implications for our sanctification. We will consider life as “walking home together” following the path of Christ.

Elevate Challenge of the Week

In what way are we challenged to use our gifts for others? As His servants, we are walking together a life of service and love. Sharing our gifts we look to the communal work of loving each other in the way our Savior did. Taking the path of Christ is indeed our purpose. May we follow Him in love!