

THE LORD'S WORK

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LOGLINE

Two lifelong best friends reunite to become counselors at a cool-kid Christian camp where they question whether they've outgrown each other or the evangelical community that raised them.



CONCEPT

Fir Lake Christian Camp is equal parts earnest and manipulative, from high-minded counselors to power-hungry staff. It's Christian rock and wacky skits, intense bible studies and camp crushes. It's hard being a teen when you're also worried about burning in eternal hellfire! But ultimately, like every community, it's filled with people looking for the answers to life's big questions.

Through Grace and Courtney's friendship and Courtney's struggle with the secret of her sexuality, we explore what it means to shatter your own illusions, to have the courage to challenge systems that are presented to us as infallible, and to show up for the people we love even when it's uncomfortable.

Pen15 meets Jesus Christ Superstar

- *Eighth Grade/Ladybird*: heartfelt, holding up a mirror, subtle comedy, honest
- *Pen15/Booksmart*: awkward, desperate, cringe, funny, lonely, insecure, painful, discovery, strong female friendships
- *Yes God Yes/Passion of the Christ/Jesus Camp*: intense religious fervor, cultish
- *Miseducation of Cameron Post/Boy Erased*: manipulation by church, unsettling, sexual repression.

CHARACTERS

GRACE (19): Texas girl turned Ivy-League. Super smart. Curious about the meaning of life, and also how to not be awkward at parties.

COURTNEY (19): Always takes the lead on skits. The funny one – and she knows it. Popular, well-liked, a little granola. Low-key in love with Logan (a GIRL!).

TWIX (24): effortlessly (or is it?) cool, the big sister you wish you had

BIG DOG (40s): Camp director. Uniform is Birkenstocks, t-shirt, and headset. He goes all out for theme nights.

LOGAN (20): Super chill. Super sporty. Hot. Gay but "doesn't struggle with that sin anymore".

SYNOPSIS

Under the blistering Texas sun, young GRACE and COURTNEY commit their lives to Jesus and each other's friendship at Fir Lake Christian Camp. A decade later, after very different freshman years of college, our girls reunite at camp for Staff Training Week.

Grace isn't sure she fits into this world anymore, and Courtney is the funny-girl queen of camp who knows everyone. But when Courtney learns that LOGAN (the girl that absolutely no one knows she used to make out with after soccer practice) is also on Fir Lake's staff, she starts to lose her grip on the world she knows so well, just as Grace starts to figure out how to play the game.

An anxiety-ridden Logan tells the rest of camp Courtney's secret, and Grace must choose between her newly-won Christian cool girl status and her lifelong friendship. After a dramatic finale in which Jesus's resurrection is reenacted by teenage boys in tighty-whities, Grace chooses friendship. She ditches her duties, and escapes with Courtney down to the lake, where they break about thirty camp rules at once and cannon-ball into the night.

