

OUR BLUEPRINT FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

our mission

Our ministry exists to help students SEEK GOD authentically, SERVE OTHERS in the name of Jesus, and to connect them TOGETHER with other believers.

Seeking God ...

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33)

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2)

... serving others ...

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:39)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:26-28)

... together.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” (Romans 12:10)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)

TRANSLATING OUR MISSION INTO ACTION

Weekend Worship Services – the FRONT DOOR to our ministry

Life should be a CELEBRATION...laughter...friendships...good times....having fun. Life should be a celebration because God isn't boring. We want students to SEEK GOD by celebrating the fullness of who he is. Every weekend we will try to shatter the stereotype that church has to be boring by providing a place that celebrates life in a way that ministers to believers and is non-threatening for unbelievers.

Small Groups – the BACKBONE of our ministry

Our small groups will exist to connect every believing student in our ministry into a small community of Christians in meaningful relationships. This is the "TOGETHER" part of our mission. We want every student committed to a small group to experience:

- A safe place that is accepting
- Honest and open discussion about things that matter
- Accountability with a spiritual mentor and friends
- Personal applications from God's Word
- Challenges to grow spiritually

The HABITS of a committed Christian

One of our primary goals is to help students SEEK GOD by developing a healthy set of spiritual HABITS (spiritual disciplines) that will enable them to grow on their own. To help students grow spiritually, we have defined these HABITS and have created some free tools to help them develop these HABITS:

Hang time with God (tools: quiet time journal, acts of humility, spiritual ruts)

Accountability with another believer (tool: Pray together commitment)

Bible memorization (tool: hidden treasures)

Involvement with the church body (no tool)

Tithing commitment (bank of blessings)

Study the Bible (tools: RootWorks Bible study, Philippians, 1 John, Psalms)

MINISTRY teams

We want students to SERVE OTHERS and we want to help them DISCOVER their unique, God-given SHAPE for ministry. God has a purpose for our lives! Our calling as leaders is to help students discern God's design for their lives so they might develop and deepen their impact.

SALT and LIGHT challenge (evangelism)

We want to challenge and equip students to SERVE OTHERS by meeting their greatest need: to experience Jesus as their savior through faith. The idea behind this commitment is simple: pray for five friends who don't know Jesus, SERVE them in practical ways, and SPEAK UP when the time is right (invite them to church, have a faith conversation, etc.) When we are praying and serving, we are perfectly positioned to hear the Holy Spirit tell us what to say.