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Vision and Mission

Discipleship

The commission of Christ is clear; "go and make disciples." Everything we do as a student ministry at Calvary is centered around the goal of making disciples of Christ.

But what does this mean, and what is the most effective way to go about it?

In Acts 2:42-47, we see a picture of the Church, newly gathered in Jerusalem, and how they go about discipling the new converts from Peter's sermon at Pentecost. Three things stand out. First is their commitment to receiving the grace of God through the Apostles' teaching, prayer, and praise. Second is their love for each other shown in generosity, hospitality, and what is often translated "fellowship". Thirdly, we see the Mission of God and the Kingdom of God expanding through the efforts of these disciples, to where Luke can write, "And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

Worship, fellowship, and mission; three pieces to effective disciple-making.

Worship

The Bible's descriptions of worship fall into two categories. One category describes things we do, whether in bowing or singing or praying, that show a posture of humility and receptivity to the grace of God. The other category is about sacrificial actions that show our submission to God and our willingness to serve him. Here's the key: the obedience of worship that we want to see in our students' lives will only come from a posture of worship in our students' hearts.

Fellowship

In Acts 2:42, we read that the church was devoted to "the fellowship" (translating the Greek word '*koinonia*'). The word has a broad meaning, but paints a picture of a shared life, a camaraderie around common aims, a "band of brothers and sisters." Christians are united together as a family by a common vision, shared suffering, and living life together, fulfilling the command to "love one another" within the local church. This fellowship is not secondary to the Gospel, but at its very heart; if Christians don't have a Gospel culture, they can't be on Gospel mission.

Mission

The overflow of a heart of worship and a life lived in Christian community is a passion for the Mission of God. Our goal is for students to see themselves as part of a larger story, one that encompasses their lives and gives meaning to everything they do. We want students to see God's Kingdom come into every sphere of their lives, and to have a passion for the Gospel going to the Nations.



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Gatherings

Tuesday Night

We meet weekly from 6:30-8:30 pm in the third floor youth room. During this time we eat a meal together, and alternate between a large group and small group setting. Large group nights include a game, worship through song, and a sermon relevant to the students' lives. Small group nights give the students a chance to talk about their lives with their group and their leaders and to pray for one another. The large group setting is a great opportunity for the students to hang out with their church friends, invite new people, and establish a Gospel culture in their lives. The small group nights are essential for spiritual growth, deep friendship, and Gospel community.

The main reason we gather midweek is to allow God to minister to us. We are, by definition, a God-centered gathering. We seek to enthrone Christ, in all his glory, in the heart, using the means God has given us, because one taste of the glory of Christ will do more to sour a student's palate for the world than one thousand lectures, threats, and punishments ever will.

Sunday Morning

We gather after the 1st worship service in the youth area on the third floor, then at 11pm we head to room 222 for the High School Sunday School. During this time, we have a content driven and discussion oriented Bible study, where students can gain a better understanding of Scripture, and talk about issues that arise when Christ and culture meet.

Breakfast and coffee provided, parents always welcome!

Mission opportunities

While our whole life is one lived on mission, we try to provide opportunities for students to go out as a group once or twice a year and live out their faith in a new context. We are currently planning a Winter trip to Costa Rica, as well as our Summer Mission Camp in June.

Retreats

Every fall, we spend a weekend at Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, Wisconsin. It is a wonderful time to get away, enjoy some quality time with each other, and spend some time in the Word.