

Ministry Model

God's Word is Absolutely Necessary...

1. for salvation (Ro 10:17, 1 Tim 3:15).
2. for sanctification (Jn 17:17).
3. for completing and equipping the believer (2 Tim 3:16).
4. for encouragement and hope in this world (Ro 15:4).
5. to understand your own thoughts and desires (Heb 4:12).
6. to be pure (Ps 119:9).
7. for the raising of children (Deut 6:6-7).
8. for maintaining spiritual life (Matt 4:4).
9. for spiritual freedom (Ps 119:44-45).
10. for spiritual peace (Ps 119:165).
11. for all of life and godliness (2 Pe 1:3-4).
12. to become wise (Ps 19:7, 119:130).
13. for the blessed life (Ps 1:1-3).
14. for knowing God's will (Ps 119:1, Ro 12:2).

God's Word Reveals that His Plan is to Bless the World through His People

1. God made Adam to be fruitful, multiply, fill, and subdue and rule over creation in context of being the image of God. (Ge 1:26-28).
2. God choose Abram to be a conduit of blessing for the whole world (Gen 12:3 and Gen 22:18).

3. God choose the nation of Israel to represent Him and bring the rest of the world to Him (Ex 19:5-6).
4. David saw God's promises to him being for all mankind's benefit. (2 Sam 7:19b).
5. Solomon's wisdom attracted people from all over the world and for the Queen of Sheeba, resulted in salvation. (1 Ki 4:34, Matt 12:42).
6. God promises to send a servant to be a light to the nations and to be salvation to the earth. (Is 49:6).
7. God commands exiles in Babylon to pursue the wellbeing of the city and God uses Daniel to reveal Himself to Nebuchadnezzar and the rest of Babylon. (Jer 29:4-7, Dan 2).
8. God sends a prophet, Jonah, to Nineveh to preach repentance and they do! (Jonah).
9. Jesus revealed that the message of repentance and forgiveness is to go to all nations. (Lk 24:46-49).
10. Jesus commanded disciples to make disciples of all nations. (Matt 28:18-20).
11. God uses Philip to help an Ethiopian understand Isaiah's connection to Jesus and come to faith. (Acts 8:26-40).
12. God commands Paul and Barnabas to be sent out and they plant churches with elders. (Acts 13:2-3, Acts 14:21-23).
13. God appoints people to offices in the church so that it would be built up. (Eph 4:10-16)

Church-Based

The Church as Community

We want and need students to be actual friends.

1. Be at peace with one another (Mk 9:50)
2. Don't grumble among one another (Jn 6:43)
3. Be of the same mind with one another (Ro 12:16, 15:5)
4. Accept one another (Ro 15:7)
5. Wait for one another before beginning communion (1 Co 11:33)
6. Don't bite, devour, and consume one another (Ga 5:15)
7. Don't boastfully challenge or envy one another (Ga 5:26).
8. Gently, patiently tolerate one another (Ep 4:2)
9. Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving to one another (Ep 4:32)
10. Bear with and forgive one another (Co 3:13)
11. Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil (1 Th 5:15)
12. Don't complain against one another (Jas 4:11, 5:9)
13. Confess sins to one another (Jas 5:16)
14. Give preference to one another in honor (Ro 12:10)
15. Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Php 2:3)
16. Serve one another (Ga 5:13)
17. Wash one another's feet (Jn 13:14)
18. Don't be haughty: be of the same mind (Ro 12:16)
19. Be subject to one another (Ep 5:21)
20. Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another (1 Pe 5:5)
21. Do not judge one another, and don't put a stumbling block in a brother's way (Ro 14:13)

The Church Matures the Believer

We need students to see their need for the church to become like Jesus.

Ephesians 4:10-12, 15-16 - The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, to fill all things. And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, equipping the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ... But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part.

The Church Evangelizes the Unbeliever

We need students to see their need for the church to show others Jesus

John 13:35 - By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

1 John 4:12 - No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is made complete in us.

John 17:23 - I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me.

Typical Meeting Types

A General Application of the Ministry Model

Types of Gatherings

The word “church” is translated from the Greek word *ecclesia* which means “the gathering”. Churches were meant to (1) be led by pastors/elders, (2) practice baptism and communion, and (3) gather regularly for teaching and fellowship.

Ed Stetzer in *Transformational Groups* identifies 4 purposes a group can have in meeting: Formation, Connection, Invitation, and Mission. Effective gatherings focus on one or two.

To minister effectively to a college campus, we need a variety of gatherings.

1. Church Service

Purpose: Formation

The Church Service needs to be central to the life of the college ministry. It should be attended and enjoyed. There should be a culture where people socialize before and after the service. A lingering group of people after the service is a good sign.

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2. Campus Service

Purpose: Invitation to Formation

The Campus Service should be differentiated from the Church Service. It should not feel like the same event, only smaller. There are several ways to do this. If possible, hold the service on campus. Have the students lead in set up, sound and worship. Have a student give a 7–10-minute testimony each week. Keep the message short, 25–30 minutes. The environment should be more relaxed than the church service. More attention should be given to the unbeliever who is there.

Campus Service is one side of the front door of the campus ministry.

3. Bible Study

Purpose: Connection

Bible Studies should be more focused on the application of the word than the teaching of the word. Bible Studies are typically led by student leaders who still need to grow in their understanding of the word of God. Entrusting students with some leading in word ministry helps them to grow in an understanding of the Bible. The small group gathering is the “family unit” of the

church. Consider doing things that cultivate that environment. Eat a meal before the meeting when possible. Have discussions and or “ice breakers” that allow people to get to know everyone in the group.

The Bible Study is to focus on gathering around God's Word. Not the knowledge of the leader.

4. “Hang Outs”

Purpose: Invitation or Mission

Recreational gatherings will primarily be on the weekends. Why? That is when college students hang out with their friends. Hang Outs should be clarified as either missional or invitational.

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5. One-on-One

Purpose: Varies

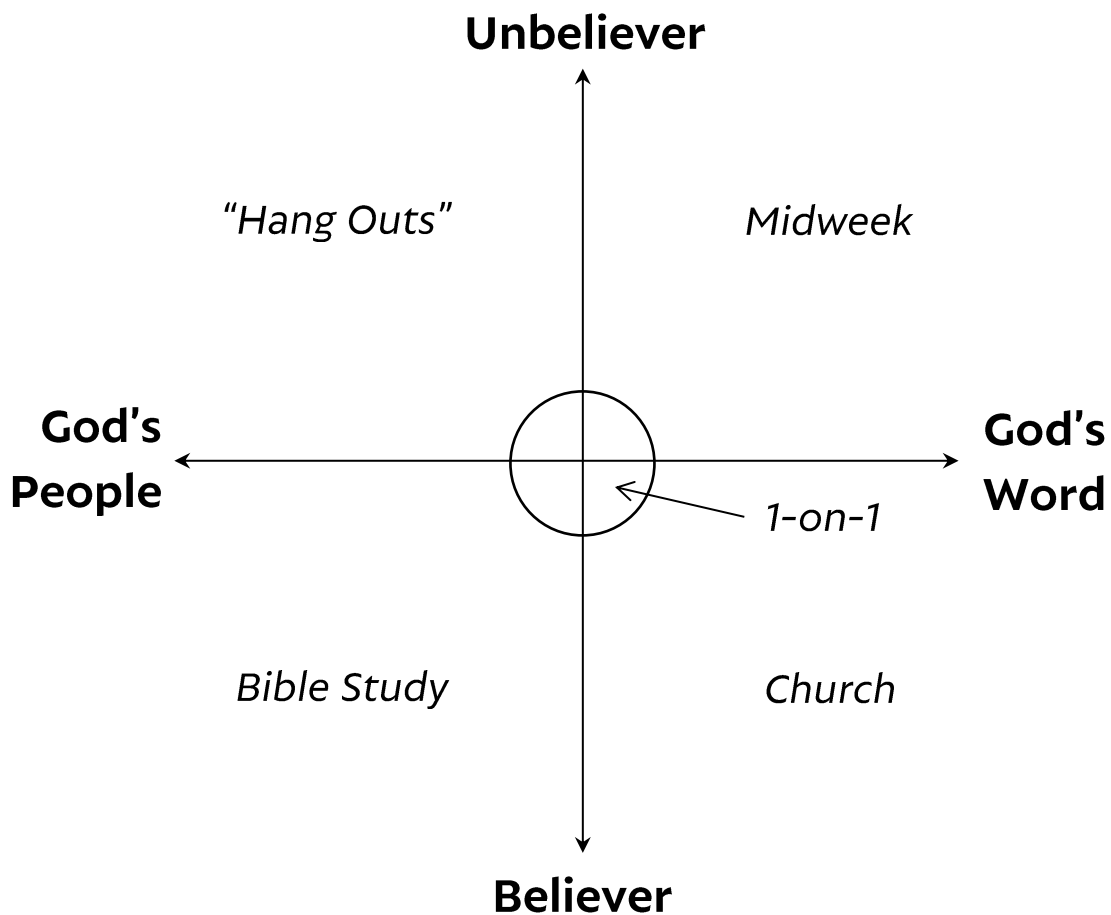
One-on-one discipleship should be in the DNA of the ministry. Students should be

trained to “follow up” with younger students by taking them out for coffee, lunch, or whatever and then asking them to read the Bible with them. These meetings should be simple- just be their friend and read the Bible. Where many students will feel uncomfortable leading a small or large gathering, most students will feel comfortable doing this. This is just as much a benefit to the older student as it is the younger student. They will learn a lot about the Bible as they are asked questions and will be more consistent in their personal devotions as they try to establish the habit in someone else. Every person in the college ministry should have at least one person they meet with regularly, but it is even better if every person meets with two or three people. It is also important that people meet with mentors, peers and disciples. Mentors, generally speaking, pour into them. They, generally speaking, pour into disciples. Peers mutually pour into each other. Each relationship is key to growing a loving, united community.

One-on-One meetings are flexible and take time and energy. You should monitor your capacity.

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Our Ministry Model and a Typical Application



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