

Wayzata Free Church Philosophy of Student Ministry

We fully recognize that any life change is the work of the Holy Spirit and we as a ministry simply strive to be faithful servants of the Lord Jesus.

Student Ministry Purpose:

“To assist students in becoming followers of Christ resulting in *changed lives*”

- 1) Our goal for students graduating WEFC student ministries
 - a) Students will have an authentic and personal relationship with Christ.
 - b) Students will continually seek out opportunities to grow spiritually.
 - c) Students will be “others-centered” and possess a heart for the lost, hurting and lonely.
 - d) Students will know their giftedness and have confidence to serve the way God designed them.

- 2) B. These changes will be evident in three areas
 - a) *Spiritual Knowledge*

Students will understand...

 - i) the basics of the Christian faith including:
 - (1) Who God is
 - (2) The relationship between God the Father, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit
 - (3) Sin, redemption, and the work of Jesus
 - (4) How God communicates with His people
 - ii) how they were designed and God’s purpose for their lives
 - iii) God’s plan for relationships and sexuality
 - iv) how to seek answers to their questions
 - v) that Scripture is the Word of God and the final authority for Christian faith and life.
 - vi) the history of the church and its development through today
 - vii) biblical principles of money and stewardship
 - viii) how to defend their faith

 - b) *Character Change*
 - i) Integrity: Students will demonstrate the same behaviors in private as they do in public, and with Christian, as they would with non-Christian friends
 - ii) Joy: Students will demonstrate a joy that is not based on external situations
 - iii) Self Control: Students will demonstrate an ability to appropriately control their emotions and behaviors
 - iv) Grace: Students will demonstrate grace in their interactions with others
 - v) Love: Students will demonstrate unconditional love
 - vi) Faith: Students will demonstrate a faith that is based on biblical truths rather than emotions.

 - c) *Life Choices*

Students will make the decision to:

 - i) accept God’s unconditional love of them
 - ii) display and seek authentic relationships
 - iii) serve rather than be served
 - iv) be involved in areas that cause them to grow and avoid areas that cause them to stumble
 - v) routinely seek God for direction in their lives so that they would live in the reality of God’s truths.
 - vi) seek purity in relationships, entertainment and other everyday choices
 - vii) share Christ with those around them