



# RIVERLAWN STUDENTS EXPANDED VISION/MISSION/VALUES

**Our Vision: Making Disciples Who Make Disciples**

**Our Mission: Disciple Makers will be made when they "Follow Jesus", are "Changed by Jesus", and "Commit to the Mission of Jesus".**

**Our Values: The Bible as our Final Authority, Growing In Christ, Building Community, Living Generously, Engaging the World.**

## CORE PILLARS OF STUDENT MINISTRY:

**Champion Parents:** We believe that as long as the situation is conducive, that the parents are called to be the primary disciple makers in the home. In all things we seek to advocate for and equip parents of students for discipleship.

**Proverbs 22:6, 2 Timothy 3:15**

**Small Groups:** We believe that according to Jesus' example, small groups is the optimum environment for spiritual growth and development. We will seek to place a strong emphasis on this reality in all of our formal gatherings.

**Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42, Proverbs 27:17**

**Development/Equipping:** We believe that it is the responsibility of the church and its members to be recognizing gifts, strengths, and weaknesses in one another and providing opportunities to grow and develop those areas to become stronger and more effective partners and disciple-makers.

**Ephesians 4:15, Colossians 1:10**

**The Mission:** We believe that the mission of Christ is to seek and to save the lost. We will commit to the mission of Christ by actively pursuing evangelism, service, and discipleship according to the example of Jesus.

**Luke 19:10, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Galatians 5:13, John 12:26**



# MIDDLE SCHOOL "CRASH"

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - 6:30-8:00PM**

**WHO: 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

## **DEFINING FEATURES:**

- HIGH ENERGY
- CONVERSATIONAL TEACHING
- BIG IDEA EMPHASIS
- SHORTER TEACHING
- PURPOSEFUL GAMES
- SOLID ROUTINES
- INTRO TO SMALL GROUPS

## **DEVELOPMENT GOALS:**

- FIRST-TIME DECISIONS
- HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE
- MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE
- IDENTITY FORMING
- THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP
- RELATIONAL CONNECTIONS - SMALL GROUPS

## **General Format Idea:**

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| <b>6:30pm</b> | - Welcome/Big Idea Intro                            |
| <b>6:40pm</b> | - Announcement Video                                |
| <b>6:43pm</b> | - Song-Set or Game                                  |
| <b>7:00pm</b> | - Bible Reading/Journaling (Simple Stand-Out Ideas) |
| <b>7:15pm</b> | - Video Teaching                                    |
| <b>7:20pm</b> | - Devotional Send-Off                               |
| <b>7:30pm</b> | - Small Group Time (Discussion/Application)         |
| <b>8:00pm</b> | - Dismissal                                         |

# **HIGH SCHOOL "GATHERING"**

**WHEN: SUNDAY NIGHTS - 5:30-7:00PM**

**WHO: 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

## **DEFINING FEATURES:**

- **HIGH ENERGY**
- **MORE OPEN FORMAT**
- **MISSIONAL/EVANGELISTIC FOCUS**
- **MORE ROBUST TEACHING**
- **PRACTICING WORSHIP IN VARIOUS FORMS**
- **EXPECTATION OF AT-HOME FAITH PRACTICES**
- **SMALL GROUPS IN HOMES (PERIODICALLY)**
- **STUDENTS SERVING AT M.S. GATHERING**
- **REGULAR STUDENT LEADERSHIP**
- **PRIME NIGHTS (OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM FOCUS)**

## **DEVELOPMENT GOALS:**

- **FAITH TRULY LIVED OUT**
- **HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE**
- **MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE**
- **IDENTITY FORMING**
- **HOW TO EVANGELIZE**
- **DISCIPLE-MAKING COMMUNITIES - "FIGHT CLUBS"**
- **HOW TO PRACTICE CONFESSION/ACCOUNTABILITY**
- **LIFESTYLE OF PURITY**

## **General Format Idea:**

**5:30pm - Greeting/Announcement Video**  
**5:40pm - Student Share / Group Share**  
**5:45pm - Worship (Song Set/Prayer/Communion)**  
**6:00pm - Sermon**  
**6:15pm - Small Groups**  
**7:00pm - Dismissal**

## **Home Group Format Idea:**

**5:30pm - 7:00pm - Open Format**  
**Video Teaching - Prayer - Games/Food**

# SUNDAY MORNINGS

**OUR VISION FOR A 6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT ON A SUNDAY MORNING IS THAT THEY WOULD ATTEND ONE CHURCH SERVICE ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILY GROUP.**

## **KEY MOTIVATIONS:**

**COMMON FAMILY WORSHIP:** We believe that active family discipleship is more likely to take place if entire family units are hearing, praying, singing, and communing together.

**MULTI-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY:** We believe that in addition to the value of older generations setting examples of faith, there will be greater opportunities for inter-generational discipleship connections to be made specifically with students without a Christian family unit.

**ALL CHURCH VISION:** We believe the church as a whole will benefit from entire family units hearing and pursuing a common vision for evangelism, kingdom-mindedness, and disciple-making.

**LONG-TERM CONNECTIONS:** We believe that students will be more likely to stay connected to a church family after graduation, having spent their MS/HS careers involved in a more "standard" worship gathering, rather than a custom tailored one.

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT:** We believe that a common worship experience will kick-start active, at-home, parent engagement in the spiritual formation of their students.

**ADMONISHING WORSHIP:** We believe that older generations can and will set positive examples of worship and faith practices to students. We also believe that students will set positive examples of worship and faith practices to older generations.