

Discipleship/Mentorship Parental Consent Form

Dear Parent or Guardian,

One of our biggest goals in the IBC Student ministry is to make disciples within our ministry and to train students to be disciple makers. A disciple is someone who follows after Jesus. Essentially, if your student is a saved individual they are a disciple of Jesus. At the end of Matthew, Jesus gave us His Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations. The Great Commission is talked about in terms of evangelism, but it is much more than that. Not only are we called to share the Gospel with people, but we are also called to help them grow closer to Jesus. We do this through a process called discipleship.

Discipleship is teaching biblical concepts, while modeling and guiding others toward living as followers of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is a relationship as well. It usually involves one person mentoring and leading a few others in what it means to be a follower of Christ. In the context of student ministry, it looks a lot like mentorship. We at the IBC Student ministry have created a new program in which we have asked some adults in our church (myself and Victoria included) to disciple a group of 2-3 students each. **Each discipleship group will contain adults and other students of the same gender and will work out a meeting time together as a group.** Our goal is to meet with them for at least an hour every week or every other week in discipleship meetings. We will pray together, study scripture, and walk through material together.

Each of our adults abide by the policies below:

1. They must complete and pass a background check.
2. They must respect your rules of communication.
3. They must have at least 3 people present in their group in order to meet. If two of their students cannot meet, they will reschedule or ask another leader to attend the meeting with them.
4. The meetings must remain as confidential as possible, but not at the expense of the student's safety or wellbeing.

The adults that will be meeting with your student and other students in their group must have your consent before we will place your student in their discipleship group and must respect your rules of communication. Please carefully read and circle YES or NO on the back page for each of these statements so we will know what your rules of communication are.

- YES/NO The adult leader may contact my student through individual text or phone calls.
- YES/NO The adult leader may contact my student through a group message with Dustin or Victoria included.
- YES/NO The adult leader may contact my student through a group message with the parent/guardian included.
- YES/NO The adult leader may **ONLY** contact my student through the parent/guardian.

Victoria and I could not be more excited about this opportunity to help our students' spiritual growth! We have both been impacted directly by adults who have discipled us, and we are excited for our students to experience those same relationships. If you have any questions or concerns please call or text me (Dustin) at (479) 530-6813.

By signing below, you are giving us permission to put your student in a discipleship group. Once we have finalized our student list we will assign them to adults. We will contact you and your student once we have finalized which students will be paired with which adults.

Parent Name: _____

Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Number: _____

Parental Signature: _____

Date: _____