

OUR MISSION

It's important that we understand **WHY** our ministry exists. Our mission or statement of purpose is ...

**... to lead students in loving God,
loving others and becoming fully devoted
followers of Jesus Christ.**

OUR VISION

It's also important that we understand **WHAT** our ministry is to become. The vision we have is ...

**... to be a ministry of students who love and depend on God
as we pursue obedience, live in community
and share our lives for the sake of others.**

OUR VALUES

Planned values are **HOW** we go about doing ministry – these are descriptive words that reflect the attributes, styles and beliefs that help fulfill our purpose. We try to incorporate these key approaches into all of our programs. It is built on **RELATIONSHIPS**.

R elational approach	we want to spend time with students [1 Thessalonians 2:8]
E ncouragement	we want to make students feel good [1 Thessalonians 5:11]
L aughter and Celebration	we want to help students enjoy life [John 10:10]
A cceptance	we want to meet students where they are [James 2:1]
T ransparency	we want to be real with students [1 Corinthians 2:3, 4]
I nvolvement of students	we want to get students participating [1 Corinthians 12:14]
O utreach	we want to reach lost students [Matthew 28:19]
N umerical growth	we want to reach the masses [Acts 9:31]
S piritual growth	we want students to mature in Christ-likeness [Hebrews 6:1]
H omelike environment	we want students to feel like they belong [Ephesians 2:21]
I ntimate relationships	we want students to feel cared for [James 5:16]
P rofessional demeanor	we want to do things well, with excellence [Proverbs 22:1]
S trategic follow up	we want to know where students are [Proverbs 27:23]

SERVING VALUES

Not a set of rules but a standard we believe that God has called us to do ... honor God in *all* we do.

Love God with all your heart (Deuteronomy 6:5)

We must be *intentional* about our relationship with Jesus Christ.
Only His power and love will transform hearts and He chooses to do this through us.
Fully surrendered, full yielded lives.
Holy Spirit led

Question: Is there anything in my life that is getting in the way of putting God first?

Prayer (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Team prayer is the most important thing we do.
We set aside time before serving to give "us" to God for His will and purposes.
It is an honor to be on a team with God and a privilege to serve God

Question: What would prevent me from getting to ministry programs and events early for prayer?

Unity (1 Corinthians 1:10)

It is not "us against them".
We are all part of one body serving God.
We look for ways to serve one another.
One heart, one purpose, one mind.

Question: Is there any hidden resentment in my heart?

Excellence (Romans 12:11)

Excellence honors God and inspires people.
Honoring God and others by being prepared and on time.
Giving God our best; an unblemished heart.

Question: What part of my serving God could be considered an "offering" of a "blemished" heart?

Attitude (Philippians 2:5-7)

Our attitude reflects the condition of our heart.
A negative attitude can be seen and felt and will quickly spread.
Adopt the attitude of Christ when things don't exactly go our way or when others disappoint us;
He understands.

Question: Would others know I'm a Christ-follower by my attitude?

Not about us (Matthew 20:28)

God-centered vs. Us-centered.
Selfless
Hold gifts loosely
Our focus is to be on God and what He wants to do through us.

Question: Where is my focus ... on me or on what God wants to do through me?

Loving Others (John 13:34, 35)

Giving one another “grace” and “truth”.

Thinking the best of one another.

Encourage one another.

Authenticity – base relationships on humility, team play, love and honesty.

“Giving the last 10% in love” ... saying it all prevents gossip and the development of hard hearts.

Question: Is there someone I need to go to and speak the truth in love?

Serving is our response to God (1 Samuel 12:24)

Serving flows out of a grateful heart.

We have been given a way to respond to all that Jesus has done.

Serving is an act of worship.

Serving is an act of obedience.

Question: Do I serve because I'm grateful for what God has done for me?