

Living Hope Students Vision Frame

SHARED STRATEGIC CLARITY

The following is an explanation of the Living Hope Students vision frame. Its purpose is to provide strategic clarity for all of the ministries of Living Hope as we work together to support the larger mission of Living Hope: By God's Spirit we will be and make disciples who follow Jesus, become like Jesus, and engage in the mission of Jesus.

MISSION: What do we do?

LIVING HOPE STUDENT MINISTRIES EXISTS TO HELP 7-12 STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS, AND THEIR VOLUNTEER LEADERS FOLLOW JESUS, BECOME LIKE JESUS, AND ENGAGE IN THE MISSION OF JESUS.

VALUES: Why do we do it?

Gospel Formation

The Apostle Paul says the gospel is "of first importance" (1 Cor. 15:3). Therefore, it is *vital* that we form students with this good news of Christ's redeeming work. The Student Ministry at Living Hope will be centered on the Word of God, dependent on the Spirit of God, and empowered by the Gospel of God.

Community

Relationships, trust, influence (in that order). Every gathering of the Student Ministry will not only be formative, but will also serve as a safe place where students can build friendships and find encouragement in their spiritual walk with Christ (Heb. 10:25).

Discipleship

The people of God are called to make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). Living Hope Student Ministries will seek to reach students inside and outside of its walls through discipleship relationships (2. Tim. 2:1-2).

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Leadership Development

The Student Ministry at Living Hope will not be focused and driven by one leader, but rather a collaboration of both adult and student leaders. The mission is too big for one person to accomplish alone. Therefore, leaders of all ages will be developed and utilized to carry out the ministry mission.

STRATEGY: How do we do it?

The Discipleship Process

ENGAGE students through weekly gatherings, life communities, and events in order to build relationships that gain trust and result in spiritual influence.

EQUIP believing students with solid spiritual foundations through intentional small group and one-on-one discipleship relationships in and outside the walls of the church building.

EXPAND our influence through the development of adult and student leaders who live disciple-multiplying lives.

MEASURES: When are we successful?

*Outcomes are a work of God by the grace of God and all for the Glory of God. Our desired outcome, most simply, is to **activate a disciple-multiplying culture within the 7-12 grade demographic at Living Hope.** We believe this culture is characterized by:*

Fueled By Fervent Prayer

Jesus lived for the glory of the Father and was dependent on the Holy Spirit. A disciple-multiplying culture banks on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of God's people who are increasingly learning to live *with* Jesus in all of life.

(MEASURES, cont.)

Driven of Gospel Fluency

The gospel—who God is and what he has done in Christ—as revealed through the Scriptures is the only foundation and motivation for a disciple-multiplying way of life. Grounding students in the Gospel and equipping them to share it out of the overflow of their love for Christ is crucial to a disciple-multiplying culture.

Modeled by Authentic Examples

Jesus lived a disciple-multiplying way of life and then called his disciples to do the same. Our ministry team and, when possible, parents must consistently set the pace.

Expanded through Disciple-Making Friendships

Jesus pulled people close into intentional relationships where he shared his life and mission with them—training them in the contexts of life-on-life, life-in-community, and life-on-mission. Disciple-making friendships are the conduit for creating a disciple-multiplying culture.