

Discipleship

Commit!

“Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I endeavor to Live for Him boldly and make it the practice of my life to: PRAY and STUDY God’s Word daily, SERVE others freely, SHARE my faith openly, WORSHIP God in my church regularly and humbly Lead His cause for my generation.”

1 Introduce the C.E. Pledge

The pledge is a guide like the North Star. People who follow the North Star receive direction to stay on course, but will never arrive at the North Star. Similarly, the pledge directs people how to live daily for Christ, even though being perfectly Christ-like is impossible in this lifetime. Encourage students to read the pledge early in the morning and then again at night. Have them ask God how He was honored by them and learn what steps can be taken to honor Him more the next day. Various options exist to introduce the pledge to students.

2 Pledge Commitment

After introducing the C.E. Pledge, encourage students to take the week to pray about whether they are ready to sign or commit to following it. The following week give an opportunity for them to make the commitment.

3 Encounter Meeting

Approximately once a month, those who made the pledge commitment share how they encountered God on their journey. People should share briefly by providing a quick story or even a Scripture verse from their Bible reading. Those who are absent are invited to share a Scripture verse to be read for them in their absence. The Teaching Team, described below, provides input into this process. Also, invite new students or those who did not commit previously to commit to following the pledge at these times.

Engage!

T.E.A.M. Work • Teaching • Events • All Aboard • Mission

1 T.E.A.M. Work

Everyone who commits to following the pledge should have a role to play each time you gather. Separate the group into at least one of four different TEAM's: Teaching, Events, All-Aboard, and Mission

~ The TEACHING Team assists the coordination of the teaching schedule and decides when and how the Encounter meeting will be designed each month.

~ The EVENT Team plans the group's events and activities.

~ The ALL-ABOARD Team reaches out to those who have been missing, coordinates the weekly environment, and considers how new people can be invited to their group.

~ The MISSION Team chooses a mission project of the overall church and determines how the group can actively assist in carrying out this mission. It can be investing time, raising funds, or helping to raise awareness of the need by giving brief reports to the group.

It is recommended that the teams be adjusted at the semester break allowing young people a variety of service and leadership opportunities.

2 Non-commitment Youth

People who do not commit to the pledge may serve on a TEAM but are not expected to do so. It is recommended those on the Teaching Team make a commitment to the pledge.

3 Optional Leadership Team

Some groups will decide to have one person from each team serve as an officer. Ideally, your group equips young people to know how a church functions in miniature. Have a brief monthly or bi-monthly meeting where young people report on their TEAM's initiatives and have discussion around proposed steps. The church, including how it functions as an organism, is critical to discipleship. This step helps young people own and understand the process.