

Sunrise Youth Foundation of Ministry

WE AIM TO GLORIFY GOD BY TEACHING STUDENTS THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, SUPPORTING PARENTS AS THE MAIN DISCIPLES OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND BUILDING A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES GROW INTO MATURE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST WHO SERVE HIS KINGDOM FOR LIFE.

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

RATHER THAN JUST TRYING TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR OR ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DO “GOOD” THINGS, WE START WITH WHAT CHRIST HAS ALREADY DONE FOR US. ONLY THEN CAN WE TALK ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD LIVE IN RESPONSE. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE BEYOND JUST KNOWING FACTS ABOUT GOD IN ORDER TO EXPERIENCE REAL HEART CHANGE THAT ONLY THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BRING

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

WE WORK ALONGSIDE PARENTS TO HELP THEM NURTURE THEIR CHILDREN’S FAITH, OFFERING RESOURCES, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND SUPPORT INSPIRED BY DEUTERONOMY 6. WE SEEK TO GIVE PARENTS PRACTICAL TOOLS, PRAYER, AND A CARING COMMUNITY SO THEY NEVER HAVE TO GUIDE THEIR CHILDREN’S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ALONE.

PRIORITIZING LONG-TERM SPIRITUAL GROWTH

WE FOCUS ON DEPTH, NOT JUST EXCITEMENT. THIS MEANS TEACHING GOD’S WORD AND LEARNING HOW TO APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES SO THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE READY FOR THE CHALLENGES THEY WILL FACE AS ADULTS. SUCCESS IS DEFINED BY LASTING SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH STUDENTS WHO BECOME LIFELONG FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

REAL DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

MINISTRY FLOURISHES WITHIN AN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY. IT’S NOT SIMPLY ABOUT GATHERING TOGETHER EACH WEEK; IT’S ABOUT ACTIVELY INVESTING IN EACH OTHER’S LIVES. OUR LEADERS DEMONSTRATE GENUINE CARE FOR STUDENTS BY SHOWING UP AT GAMES AND PERFORMANCES, AND BY BEING PRESENT DURING BOTH CELEBRATIONS AND CHALLENGES. WE STRIVE TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS OF TRUST THROUGH OPEN, HONEST COMMUNICATION, CREATING A SAFE SPACE WHERE STUDENTS FEEL COMFORTABLE BRINGING THEIR TOUGHEST QUESTIONS, STRUGGLES, AND DOUBTS.

PURPOSELY LIVING OUT OUR FAITH

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE NOT CALLED TO STAY INSIDE THE CHURCH. WE ARE SENT INTO OUR OWN COMMUNITIES TO SHARE THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL WHEREVER WE ARE. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP STUDENTS GAIN THE WISDOM AND SKILLS THEY NEED TO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH AND ENGAGE THOUGHTFULLY WITH THE BELIEFS AROUND THEM, RESPONDING WITH BOTH GRACE AND TRUTH. WE ARE COMMITTED TO MORE THAN JUST TALKING ABOUT THE BIBLE; WE WANT TO LIVE OUT ITS MESSAGE AND SHOW THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD THROUGH OUR ACTIONS.

SERVING GOD’S KINGDOM AS PART OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

WE BELIEVE STUDENTS ARE NOT JUST THE FUTURE; THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CHURCH RIGHT NOW. THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS AND ENERGY HELP OUR CHURCH GROW. WE INVITE STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED OUTSIDE THE YOUTH ROOM BY SERVING IN DIFFERENT MINISTRIES, SUCH AS HELPING WITH KIDS, MUSIC, OR OUTREACH. BY CONNECTING WITH OTHERS AND TRYING NEW ROLES, STUDENTS CAN FIND THEIR PLACE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY, GROW IN THEIR FAITH, AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.