

Mentoring Spiritual Leaders

Mentoring. Discipleship. Whatever you call it, it's sanctifying. The process of sanctification can be confusing to a new or not yet believer. Actually, it can be confusing to anyone! When we walk with fellow believers, we have accountability and we have people who can continually point us back to Christ. That is the intention of our 1:1 Connections with Students.

Getting Started Checklist

- Pick a time and a place to meet with your Student. We recommend once a week for about an hour. However, we know everyone is busy, so meet them where they are at. If they can do every other week or even once a month, take it and make your time intentional. Technology is a great tool to stay connected in between meetings.
- Have a discussion about what you expect of each other. Some topics include:
 - How available are you both going to be in between meetings?
 - How interested is the Student in changing his/her life?
 - How ready and willing is the student to be challenged and held accountable?
 - How do they feel about identifying and setting goals?
- Have parent/guardian fill out the Consent & Release form (if not done already)
- Invite God into your relationship with your Student. Pray for discernment and wisdom.
- Show up at your first meeting ready with your Bible to get started!

After Your Meeting

- Is there anything the student said you want or need to remember or something you need to follow up on? Write it down.
- Think about:
 - What is the student struggling with right now?
 - What is the student's greatest need?
 - What are some things you can be praying about?
 - How is God working in their life?
 - What is one area of growth you see in your Student?

In Between Meetings

- If you give your Student a task (scripture to memorize, goals to make, etc) be sure to do this as well. If you take this seriously, so will they.
- Pray for your student.
- Plan for your next meeting. (5-10 minutes)
- Make one contact with your student. Text/call, send a card, etc.