

# C.E. Discipleship

A Short Overview of the C.E. Discipleship Strategy





# Discipleship

Fully and passionately living for Christ is four dimensional! Every young person can be challenged to go deeper with God (**UP**), engage with their local church (**IN**), network with believers locally, regionally and around the globe (**WITH**) and share the good news in a broken world (**OUT**). These four dimensions guide young people toward understanding the relationships needed to nurture a deep and lasting faith. The next step in pursuing Christ 24/7 is embracing the four dimensions while learning to COMMIT completely to Christ and actively ENGAGE their faith through meaningful service.

## COMMIT

### 1 - Introduce the C.E. Pledge

The pledge is like a guidepost that gives direction for how to live daily for Christ, even though being perfectly Christ-like is impossible in this lifetime. Encourage young people 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. C.E. provides various options to introduce the pledge to students.

### 2 - Pledge Commitment

After introducing the C.E. Pledge, encourage young people to pray about whether they are ready to commit to following it. Provide a creative and meaningful opportunity for young people to make this commitment. Then encourage them to share their commitment with the rest of the group.

### 3 - Ongoing Accountability

Approximately once a month, make time for those who made the pledge commitment to share how they are encountering God on their journey. Allow young people to plan these "Encounter Meetings". Also, invite new students or those who did not commit previously to commit to following the pledge at these times.

## C.E. PLEDGE

"Trusting 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."

# ENGAGE



## 1 - Introduce "Meaningful Service"

Imagine attempting to build a large building on your own. It's impossible! With a dedicated TEAM, it can happen. C.E. guides those who commit to following the pledge to invest themselves in meaningful service each time they gather and throughout the year. Create groups based on the needs of your ministry and culture, using T.E.A.M. as the starting point. T.E.A.M. represents a youth ministry's four pivotal functions.

## T.E.A.M. WORK

Teaching - Events - All-In - Mission

## 2 Non-Pledge Commitment

People who do not commit to the pledge may serve on a TEAM but are not expected to do so. Many young people need to sense that they belong and feel a connection to a group of people before taking the step to believe what that group believes. Involving young people in meaningful service can allow deeper connections and a sense of purpose and value to emerge in their lives. It is recommended that no one serve on the Teaching Team until making the pledge commitment.

## 3 - Ongoing Accountability

Young people have incredible potential to live and lead for Christ. It's crucial to have experienced adults coach them as they learn to serve. Implement a structure which allows every young person engaged in meaningful service to have regular connection with the adult assigned to encourage and direct their T.E.A.M. Some groups 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. The church, including how it functions as an organism, is critical to discipleship. This step helps young people own and understand the process, including how people can mature into ministry leaders.

**Experience young people leading *for Christ and the Church* as they humbly COMMIT their lives to Jesus and boldly ENGAGE their faith for His glory!**

