



PEA RIDGE STUDENT MINISTRY

# **Student Ministry Guide**

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# Note From the Student Pastor



Hey guys! My name is Patrick Meador, and I am privileged to be the Student Pastor here at FBC in Pea Ridge. In this Student Ministry Guide you will find most information that you need to learn about the student ministry or get involved as a leader or simply want to be informed as a parent.

The Lord has been doing a lot here in the Student Ministry and we are excited for what the Lord has in store for the future.

In this guide you will find how the ministry is organized, the overall goal of the ministry as well as the goal of individual elements. It is my prayer that you will engage with the students of today, for they are not simply the future of the church, but the current church.

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# MISSION & VISION



We are to be disciples who make disciples.

(be)  
**ENGAGED**



ROMANS 10:13-17

(your)  
**EXPERIENCE**



ROMANS 10:9-10 & 2  
CORINTHIANS 5:17

(be)  
**EQUIPPED**



EPHESIANS 4:11-12 &  
HEBREWS 13:20-21

(be)  
**ENLISTED**



MATTHEW 28:18-20 &  
ACTS 1:8

All of this is done by command of and obedience to the Great Commission, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20

# MISSION & VISION CONT.

**(BE) ENGAGED:** Upon initial contact to a believer, one has been engaged. They are not only engaged with a person, but with the gospel. As they are engaged, they are to hear of the gospel through conversation and possibly as they attend a Wednesday night or Sunday morning service. Until they respond to the gospel, they still remain in the "Engaged" section.



**(YOUR) EXPERIENCE:** At the time that a person responds to the saving grace of the gospel and experiences the gift of salvation, they have moved from "Engaged" to "Experience." This may be referred to as the first part of the Great Commission, corresponding to baptism after salvation. Yet, they are not to stay there.

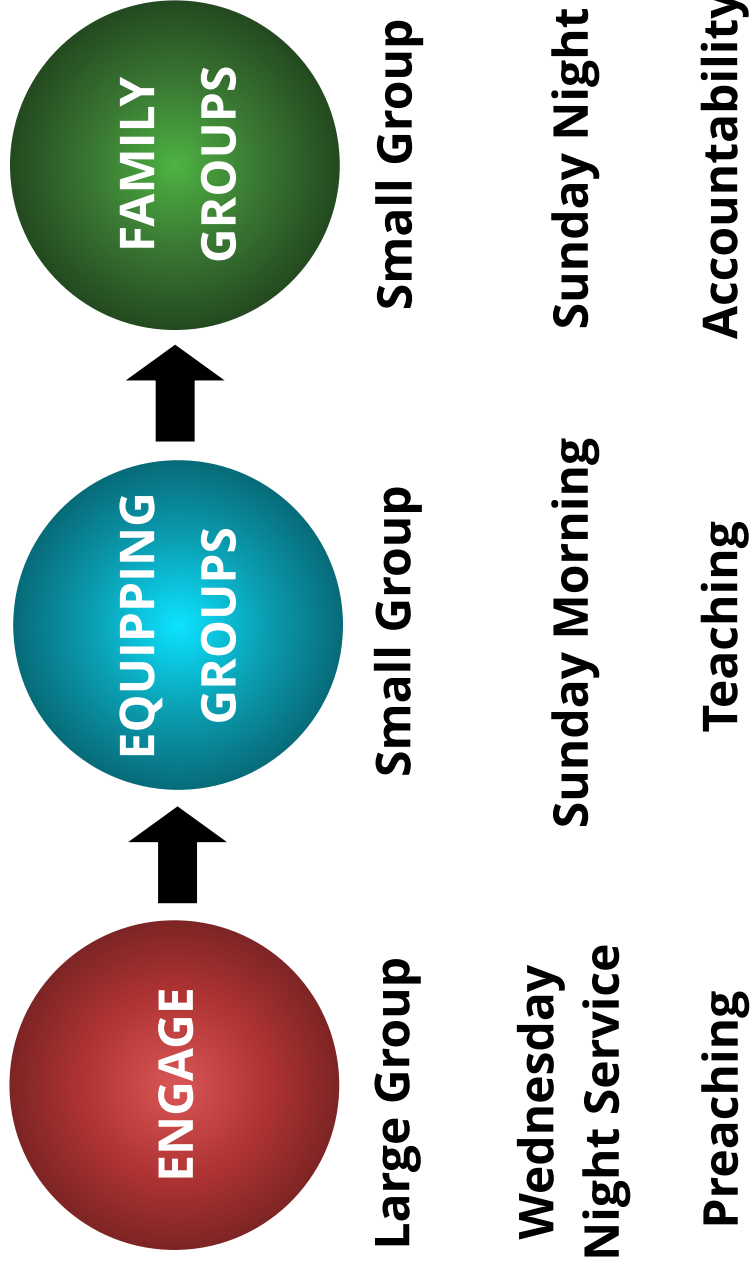


**(BE) EQUIPPED:** After the experience and baptism, they are to be "taught" how to follow Christ. This will be done through Large Group on Wednesday nights, and small groups (Equipping & Family Groups). As the student engages in these capacities, they will grow spiritually into a mature disciple.



**(BE) ENLISTED:** Once a person has been taught to follow Christ (properly equipped), they are to be enlisted as a disciple who is ready to make other disciples.

# DISCIPLESHIP INTEGRATION PROCESS



# ENGAGE

## Wednesday Night Service

**PURPOSE:** The goal of Engage is for the students to Engage with God through His Word and with one another through fellowship.



The service is not to be first an evangelistic tool, though the gospel will be presented each week. The first and foremost goal of this engaging is for spiritual growth in the life of a believer. The secondary goal is for the gospel to impact the heart of those in the audience that do not know Christ as Lord.



# Elements of Engage



## **FELLOWSHIP**

Integral to any ministry is building relationships, which is done through fellowship. The students have a time of hanging out and playing games before the service begins.

## **WORSHIP**

Our student band leads their peers in worship, preparing our hearts to feast on the Word of God.

## **MESSAGE**

As our hearts have been prepared through worship, our student pastor/guest speaker will share a message through a text in God's Word.

# Wednesday Night Leaders

## ADULT LEADER CHARACTERISTICS:

- Love God
- Love people
- Daily Bible reading and prayer
- Intentionality with students
- Encouraging to students
- Remembering and calling students by name
- Follow through
- Faithful in church

## EXPECTATIONS

### BE PRESENT

Students open up more to a person they have connected to over the long haul than in a short time. This requires consistent presence.

### BE ENGAGED

We want adults who are willing to engage with students on Wednesday nights. Our goal is the 5-5-1 rule. Each adult should engage with 5 students before the service, 5 students after the service, and have 1 meaningful conversation, each Wednesday.

### BE REAL

Go beyond surface level conversations with students. Be yourself with them and have fun with them. Every student needs an adult to connect with!

# **Wednesday Night**

## **Service Opportunities**

### **CHECK-IN**

Each week, we need an adult to run the check-in system and to find new students to fill out a connection card. In an effort to make them feel welcome, each new student is allowed one snack and one drink from the snack bar.

### **SNACK-BAR**

The snack-bar volunteer will need to be in place no later than 5:30. This leader will also be in charge of check-out of the video game and other activity materials (ping pong, foosball, etc). A check-out form will be provided. The money box is to be placed in the student pastors desk in his office at the beginning of the service.

### **GREETER**

All other leaders will be in the position of greeter. We want to avoid the title of supervisor, because we want to remember to be intentional. In this role, the 5-5-1 rule is essential.

- Speak to 5 students before the service
- Speak to 5 students after the service
- Have 1 meaningful conversation with a student

# EQUIPPING GROUPS

## Sunday Morning Small Groups



**PURPOSE:** To equip the students through teaching them the deeper truths of the Scripture.

These will be smaller groups of 5-10 students.

*Note: These are open groups.*

### **CORE MESSAGE**

Depending on the curriculum, there will be a core passage with a core message to dive into and discover truths through.

### **CHRIST**

All Scripture points to Christ (John 5:39), so we would be prudent to take the time to find Christ in each passage.

### **CALL TO ACTION**

Each passage of Scripture is not only written for us to either know God or know about Him, but to more faithfully follow Him.

# Equipping Group Leader

## EXPECTATIONS

### LOVE GOD

In order to pour into the students, you need God pouring into you. Be active in daily Bible meditation and prayer.

### LOVE PEOPLE

It has been said, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." As Equipping Groups are very heavy on information, we must not be quick to bypass relationships.

### BE PREPARED

Life gets busy, and that is to be expected. However, don't let life interrupt the commitment you have made toward these students. They are depending on you each week to teach them the truths from God's Word, which do not come with little to no preparation.

### BE PRESENT

The amount of influence you carry as a leader in the church body cannot be downplayed among these students. If you are consistent, then they will see the value of consistency.

### REMEMBER THE PARENTS

Our job as student ministry leaders is as much to minister to the parents as it is to the students.

# Equipping Group Coordinator

## EXPECTATIONS

### LOVE GOD

Along with the leader, the coordinator must be poured into in order to pour into others.

### LOVE PEOPLE

Students will look up to both the leader and the coordinator as role-models. They will know they are loved when we show them.

### FOLLOW UP

The goal of each Equipping Group coordinator is to make each student feel at home. Their first job is to take attendance each week. It is his/her job to connect with new students, have them fill out a connection card, and to offer an invitation to return through phone call, text, mail, or email.

Coordinators also check attendance to see who is missing and let them know they are not forgotten.

### BE PREPARED

The coordinator will have the curriculum as the leader does and will be up to date on what is being taught in order to offer insights throughout the lesson.

### SUBSTITUTE

In the case that the leader cannot make it, the coordinator will act as the substitute.

# **FAMILY GROUPS**

## **Sunday Night Small Groups**

**PURPOSE:** To build relationships and apply Scripture to each student's daily life.

These will be smaller groups of 3-6 students.

*Note: These are covenant closed groups.*

### **RELATIONSHIP**

These groups are for more life-application, which require deeper relationships which will be built over time. If you are a new leader, have patience and open up yourself.

### **DISCUSSION**

Though Family Groups will have teaching, they are less about heavy teaching as much as accountability and application. Encourage deep discussion over the passage/topic of the week

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Our goal is to hold one another accountable as brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **APPLICATION**

These groups will take practical steps to apply what they learn throughout the weekend return with testimonies of how God used that application.

# Family Group Leaders

## EXPECTATIONS

### LOVE GOD

God must come first and pour in to us in order to pour into others.

### LOVE PEOPLE

As God pours into us, it must overflow to pour into others. For us, those are the students in our ministry.

### BE PREPARED & PRESENT

Students will know if you are leading off the cuff or out of preparation. Come with a notebook full of notes and questions, and the students will see the seriousness with which you handle this.

### ASK QUESTIONS

Remember what the students said they are struggling with. Ask questions about how a specific verse in the passage that week may apply.

### GUIDE DISCUSSION

The goal of Family Groups is less for one person to teach the class as much as it is the dig in to the word through discussion and help one another apply it.

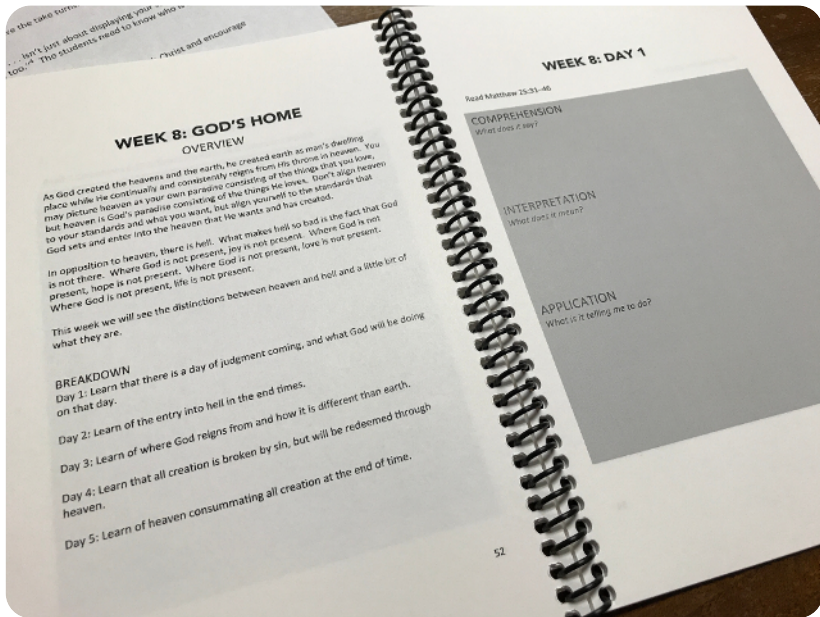
### INTENTIONAL PRAYER

Focus in on prayer, and encourage all students to engage in prayer for one another and themselves.

### WEEKLY FOLLOW UP (ACCOUNTABILITY)

Send encouraging texts throughout the week of verses for the students to read or simply let them know you are praying for them.

# STUDENT JOURNAL



**PURPOSE:** For students to have a structured devotional time and be in the same passage to prompt discussion and application as a collective whole.

## WHAT IS IT?

The student journals will be focused on the Wednesday messages and be discussed in Family Groups. The journal provides an overview of the week, five days of devotional time, and a sixth day to reflect and pray.

Each student and leader will be provided a journal free of charge. After the first journal, each replacement will be \$4.



# M U L T I P L Y

The fullest goal of PRSM is multiplication. This is what we mean when we say we want to be disciples who make disciples. We know we have begun fulfilling our goal when we begin to see multi-generational discipleship (2 Timothy 2:1–2).

## **Multiply Equipping Groups**

At capacity (10), we will look at multiplying groups.

## **Multiply Family Groups**

Upon a new season, we will look at multiplying family groups.

## **Multiply Disciples**

Each student, upon being properly equipped through Engage, Equipping Groups, and Family Groups, will be enlisted to be a disciple-maker.

# STUDENT MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

## ELEVATE WEEKEND

**PURPOSE:** To elevate God above ourselves for a weekend of laying aside that which hinders us from Christ and putting our focus toward Him.



## WORSHIP

We bring in a worship leader to lead us in songs that prepare our hearts to hear the Word proclaimed.

## MESSAGES

The speaker proclaims the Scripture of the theme for the weekend through large group sessions.

## SMALL GROUPS

These are times in which the college-age leaders engage the students in conversation on the messages in large group time and how they can better follow God.

## HOST HOMES

Each group stays with a host home for the weekend. We need you!

## SQUAD WARS

What are games without competition? Each age and gender distinct group is assigned a "Squad" that they will compete in. Saturday afternoon will be comprised of competitive games and an Amazing Race to see who wins the Squad Wars trophy.



# **SUPER SUMMER**

**PURPOSE:** For students to take an entire week and get out of routine in order to place all focus toward Christ.

## **WHO**

JV: 7-8 Grade

SS: 9-12 Grade

## **WHEN**

Every Summer!!

## **WHERE**

Ouachita Baptist University

# WHAT ABOUT FUN?

With all of the seriousness that goes in to being disciples who make disciples, a little bit of fun is always a good idea! We like to have routine outings or even just occasional fun Wednesdays for the students to focus in on fellowship and grow as fellow brothers and sisters. Below are just a few examples of what we have done.

## Kiddie Pool Kickball



## Modern Mission Laser Tag

## 5th Quarter

Other activities include Natural's baseball games, hiking trips, trampoline park, and the list goes on!!



