

JUNE LEADERSHIP LIFTER

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It is exciting to think about where God is going to take the Greenbrier Student Ministry! My prayer is that God will do something unique and brand new with our group. I don't want to settle for the status quo in Student Ministries and I pray that you desire for God to do great things through us as well. I am daily praying for the Greenbrier Student Ministry, it's students, and all of us as leaders. I believe God will blaze a new path using the G.SM. if we pray together and ask him to use us in that way. Here is something I wanted to share with all of us as leaders so our focus continues to be moving forward...

R: Recruit

I believe that before school starts back in the fall we can double the number of Student Ministry Volunteers that we currently have. How do we do this? We do it as a team! Hopefully we all know what the Student Ministry needs in a leader. Therefore we as the GSM Leaders should start looking for people that would fit the criteria of a GSM leader. Start asking people if they have a heart for students, ask them if they can simply build relationships with students, pray for them, write them notes, or visit a ballgame. Everyone doesn't have to teach, preach, or sing to be an awesome youth worker. We are looking for people that can serve through their special gifts and talents. If each one of us can recruit 1 new leader over the next 60 days, we will double our leadership team. People will give to vision before they will give to a need, so don't beg people to plug in, share with them what we desire to do as a Student Ministry and let God speak to them about their involvement!

E: Engage

Are we doing all that we can to make students feel welcome at Studio G? Students will go where they feel loved and cared for. When we pray and ask God to bring students into our Student Ministry, I believe we should expect him to bring them! Faith is believing God is who he says he is and that he will do what he says he will do. I believe that God will send us the students if we pray for them, and if we equip our students to invite their friends. Are we ready for the growth that God is about to send us? I believe we can make sure we are ready to engage students by implementing an old but effective strategy called the 10-10-1. I would suggest for our group we do the 5-5-1. Here it is: Each leader talks to **5** students before the program begins - and **5** students at the end of the program - engaging at least **1** student in a deeper conversation (Deeper meaning more than, how's the weather and what's up?). Students want to be heard, so talk to them and ask them questions, and then listen. Students have a lot to say if we will take the time to listen. This strategy alone can build bridges between us as leaders, and the students.

D: Determination

I believe we all desire to see God do great things in the lives of the students @ TCAG. Daily we should be seeking God's direction for the Student Ministry. Proverbs 16:3 tells us to commit all that we do to God and we will see success. If we are determined to see success in the GSM we must daily commit it to God. The Student Ministry is not about glorifying ourselves; it is about glorifying God. Therefore we must be determined to put ourselves aside so that God can shine! Here are a few other areas we as leaders should be determined to excel in:

- * **Determine to grow spiritually by:**
- * Daily having a quiet time with God seeking answers from his Word.
- * Daily praying for God's direction in your personal life and in the ministry.
- * Daily praying BIG and asking God to allow you to get in on what he is blessing!
- * Daily lift up in prayer the leaders and students of the GSM
- * Reading: Read up on Student Ministry and Leadership. Leaders are Readers!