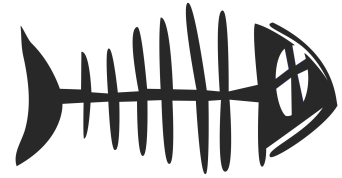


Your FISHing Guide for Summer

Planning, Preparing & Praying for Our Schools Over Summer Break

Summer is here! School's out! Time to relax, "veg-out" and sleep late, right? Wrong! If you want to see your school impacted by the gospel and see a generation of students come to know Christ as their Savior, then there is no time to waste. Just because school is out for the summer doesn't mean campus ministry is over until the fall.



Whether you are a student, a parent, a teacher, a youth worker or a Christian leader in the community, you can take the time now to prepare your heart and mind for ministering to your campus during the next school year. Follow this simple Summer FISHing Guide and watch God revolutionize your summer!

FOCUS

Keep yourself and those around you each focused on the goal of sharing the gospel with everyone at your school. First Priority's vision is "The Hope of Christ in Every Student!"

Pray, asking God to open hearts and minds of students and faculty, preparing them to hear and respond to the gospel this coming school year. Ask God to raise up workers for the harvest on the campus and throughout the community. Pray for the Christian students who attend the school, asking God to give them a burden for their lost classmates and the boldness to speak Truth.

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."
Joshua 3:5

INSPIRE

Cast the vision of campus ministry! Help your church understand the importance of reaching the schools with the gospel! Statistically, less than 5% of the students in America's schools know Christ as their Savior! Plus, 85% of everyone who accepts Christ in their lifetime does so before they graduate high school! Schools are a mission field!

Create a network of students, parents and other Christian leaders around the school. Meet with them regularly to pray, cast vision and to make plans on how to minister to the campus.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

SHARE IN PRAYER

Prayer will be our focus this summer and throughout the upcoming school year. There are hundreds of ways to pray for your campus. For instance: go through your yearbook and pray for each student, seek new prayer partners, or create an email prayer chain! Hit your knees and keep a journal of your conversations with God!

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16b

HOOK

The best way to inspire others (especially students) to share the gospel is to model it. There are people all around you seeking one thing: Jesus. He is the answer to the questions that haunt them. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith throughout the summer: At the beach, the park, summer school, vacation...wherever and whenever God brings someone your way.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15