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A 1-YEAR STRATEGY FOR YOUR DISCIPLESHIP

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OVERVIEW

When planning your year, we always recommend you start with a **discipleship strategy**. That's because we believe **spiritual growth should be the lens through which we see everything else we do in our ministries**. We believe there are four spiritual habits that help teenagers (and adults, too) grow closer to God. These four habits aren't anything new. They've been talked about countless ways, by countless numbers of people. Your church is probably already talking about them in your own unique way, so feel free to change the language to fit your context if you need to. The words aren't important, but here's what is: if these four spiritual habits are the behaviors that help teenagers grow closer to God, **we need a strategy to help teenagers engage in these four spiritual habits on a regular basis, year after year**. Here they are . . .

SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS

In the fall, we focus on developing the spiritual habit of Christlike community when teenagers are beginning a new school year, making new friends, and getting plugged into new small groups.

USE YOUR GIFTS

In the winter, we focus on helping students develop the spiritual habit of knowing and using their gifts to serve God and others, because during the holidays, there are lots of service opportunities available.

SPEND TIME WITH GOD

In the spring, we go deep into the spiritual habit of spending time with God individually through personal spiritual disciplines, when Easter is on the way and the unpredictability of school and the holidays will have leveled off into some stability for your students and your ministry.

SHARE YOUR STORY

In the summer, we focus on helping students develop the spiritual habit of sharing their stories while they prepare for summer mission experiences and a new school year.

THIS YEAR IN GROW STUDENTS

Although we always focus on each spiritual habit at the same time every year, **how we focus on these spiritual habits changes every year.** This year, here's what you can expect with Grow Students . . .

FALL



Conversation starter cards designed to help students spark conversations with new people, especially with people who aren't like them. Includes just-for-fun questions, get-to-know-you questions, and questions about life's most important ideas.

WINTER



A **student-led youth auction** designed to raise funds for a cause that students care about. This event will get students serving and challenge them to identify needs in your community that they can help meet.

SPRING



A series of **social media devotionals** with images and pre-written captions designed to help your students develop rhythms of running toward God and resting in God's presence.

SUMMER



A **storytelling challenge** that will encourage students to ask other Jesus-followers to share their stories about why they follow Jesus, and then follow their example by sharing their own story of following Jesus with someone else.

PLUS!

To help you better understand how your students are growing spiritually throughout the year, we've included **4 quarterly surveys** (one for each spiritual habit) to help you get real feedback and insight from your students about how they are putting these habits into practice.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

While every activity in our Discipleship Strategy is unique, **we always provide you with the same core tools and resources to make each one happen.** With each activity, we'll include . . .

GRAPHICS

- **Editable graphics** in PSD format for each discipleship activity
- **Title images** in horizontal, vertical, and square formats, so you can use them easily on all print, online, and social media platforms
- **Background images** in horizontal, vertical, and square formats, so you can use them easily on all print, online, and social media platforms

QUARTERLY SURVEYS

- **Editable graphics** in PSD format for each discipleship survey
- **Additional images** in horizontal, vertical, and square formats, so you can use them easily on all print, online, and social media platforms
- **Instructions** for you, the ministry leader
- **Editable surveys** for your students in PSD, PDF, and DOC formats

PLANNING

- **Activity guides** for you, the ministry leader
- **Editable handouts and instructions** for your volunteers in PSD, PDF, and DOC formats
- **Editable handouts and instructions** for your students in PSD, PDF, and DOC formats