

# INCITE

June 2011

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*Mary and I want to sincerely thank you for extending this invitation to us, we consider it a privilege and an honor of great magnitude. While we do not at all feel qualified to lead these discussions, we are believing that together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, this time will prove to be eternally consequential for us all.*

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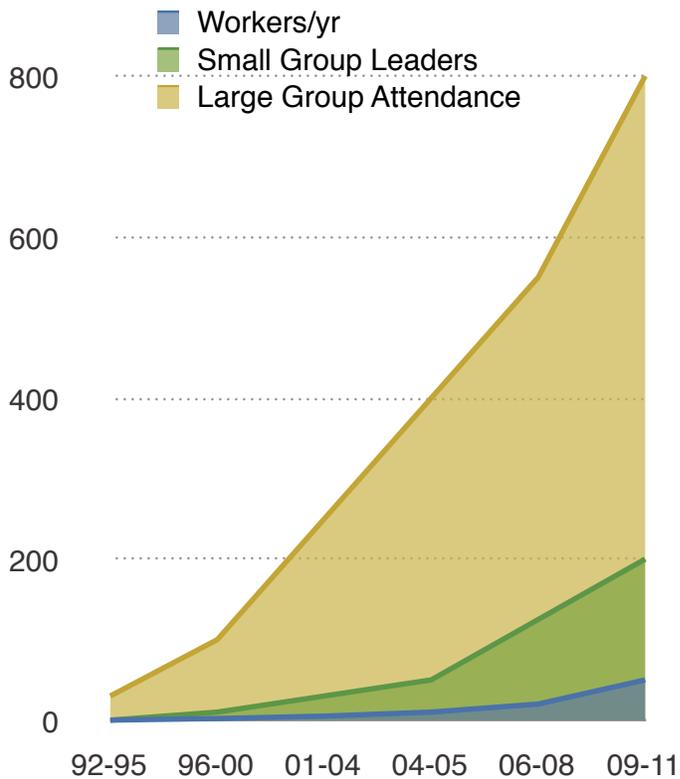
## Foundational Statement:

**We are looking to raise up a family and an army of students who are deeply committed to:**

- **Knowing Jesus**
- **Loving One Another**
- **Building The Kingdom of God**

Session 1:

## SHSU Stages of Development (History and Timeline)



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### '92-95 Someone shoot me please...

- ICM summer '95
- first LTC (DbyD and Master)

### '96-00 (Learning to love God and each other)

- Fought the 100 barrier
- learned to attack Welcome Week and campus events
  - No more ice cream socials
  - won the party at the bar... / cheerleaders

- Met Daniel Savala - began to have devotional lives
- The upper room:
  - the great split
  - the beginnings of real brotherhood
- XA house building project ('99)

## '01-04 (Marching Orders)

- Strategic Planning
  - Students give advice about seeker sensitive
  - articulate strategy clear to leaders, buy-in
  - embrace the cyclical nature of campus ministry
- missions trips start to catch (Koeshalls)

## '04-05': (Animal House)

- Off campus to the church
  - they won't come if we don't bring them
  - No advertisement
- Fall dorm invasion
- Spring revival
  - repentance
  - open air
  - baptisms in the fountain

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## '05-'08: (Managing the Harvest, looking beyond)

- Culture of Convictions (the soup...)
- Staff Developments:
  - Amber Diershaw
  - Steve Taylor returns to direct missions,
  - Faith Robinson develops heart for internship
  - 3 Pastors (jason/ eli/ eli)
- Heart Shift (counting students to counting workers)
- District Pioneer Teams

## '08-11': (We're out of control...)

- Growing Pains, Restructuring
  - staff
  - leadership
  - training
- AGWM
- CMIT growth
- Multiple Venues

## CURRENT STRUCTURE:

- Small groups
- Resource groups
- Large group meetings...

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## Heart of Discipleship

AUDIENCE or ARMY?

### Mark 1:16-20

*As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. [17] "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." [18] At once they left their nets and followed him. [19] When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. [20] Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.*

### Testimony

- Powerful conversion experience - - but struggled to learn to really walk with God
- Indebted to small group / and Joe Barnes
- Big Calling (as a young man -- Reach this campus!)

**HOW?** We are convinced the  
*METHOD* of Christ is  
*DISCIPLESHIP...*

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## Message AND Method

- Jesus called men to discipleship
- He looked at the multitudes, ministered to the multitudes, and even had compassion on the multitudes, but he never called the multitudes, He never went looking for the multitudes.
- His focus was clearly on the men that the multitudes would later follow.
- The bulk of His 3 years of ministry centered around these men – especially the second half – preparing and making these men ready to lead His church.
- Jesus believed in small groups :)

## *SUPER EVANGELIST* vs Faithful Discipler

Year	Evangelist	Discipler
1	365,000	6
2		
3		
4		
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## 2 Tim 2:2

*"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses - entrust to reliable (Faithful) men - who will also be qualified to teach others."*

## TRANS-GENERATIONAL

### 4 Generations:

- Paul
- Timothy
- Faithful Men
- Others.

### SHSU Ex:

- Paul Brown
- Terry Roberts
- Steve Cuttino
- Matt Hoogendoorn
- Ryan Volkmer
- Josh Renfro
- Ryota
- ???



*Babysit = Privilege*

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Session 3:

## **Content of Discipleship**

### 3 Things Necessary (to Walk With God):

- Real Devotional Life
- Real Brotherhood
- Real Responsibility

See appendix- Can it Really be that Simple?

#### 1. Devotional Life

- Not sin management
  - lights out
- Expulsive power of a new affection
- Mind in Love with God (appendix)
- Waco TX book sale
- Old Dead Guys

#### 2. Brotherhood (*more tomorrow*)

- naked and unashamed
- honesty

#### 3. Responsibility

- What God does *in* me He wants to do *through* me...

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- EVERY single student can (should) be a small group leader!
  - Door greeters / set-up crew / data entry - these are NOT the kinds of responsibility that will develop students into mature believers. They must be responsible for PEOPLE, for souls.
  - They MUST learn to fight for others.
    - LOTR - *You shall not pass!*
  
- Missional shift
  - large group fed small groups
  - now small groups feed large group
  
- Build Your OWN Group
  - Blame shifting
  - Perpetual immaturity (they CANNOT grow without responsibility)
  
- Small Group Leaders are pastoral care givers
  - Big Brothers / Sisters
  - Water Baptism
    - video
  
- Fight New Giants / Create New Adventures
  - Dorm Invasion
    - video
  - Three groups (best thing for an overconfident basketball team is to lose unexpectedly)

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Session 5-6:

## **Campus Community**

John 15:12-13 “*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*”

Testimony – purpose/destiny..... brotherhood.

- Who would you take a bullet for?

## **Psalm 133 - the Blessing**

- Dad and report card
- City on a hill (magnetic)

## **4 C's of True Fellowship:**

### **1. Common Cause:**

- C.S. Lewis --- *The Four Loves*
- Tolkien - *The Fellowship of the Ring*
- Band of Brothers
- Dream Team versus Real Team?
  - similar personality versus similar mission

### **2. Common Understanding:**

- Amos 3:3
- If we are going to march together, there are some things we have to believe are true - Core convictions (God is who He says He is, Man is guilty, Jesus is the only way, etc...).
- See "fundamentals" on the website.

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### 3. Common Unselfishness:

- Love one another. "Unselfishly choosing for the highest good of God and His kingdom."
- Fierce Loyalty:
  - Quesed (sp?)
  - Agape
- Commitment: not until death do we part; the fish net always catches more the tighter it woven
- See appendix - Love discussion notes

### 4. Constant Forgiveness:

- Let it go! It's not worth it... Bitterness never works with long term fellowship, it only leads to more selfishness.
- Bitterness Cycle

### *Practically --- What do we do???*

#### 1. Adventure --

- Lots of Fun in the beginning
  - Rope swings / cliff diving / road trips
  - Lots of WRESTLING :)
- More serious later:
  - Missions trips
  - Mingle (IHOP lot, Dad's porch)

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## 2. Honor One Another --

*"If you can learn to honor something, you are only a small step away from learning to love that thing..."* George MacDonald

- brag on one another
- *insinuations*
- spiritual sissies seem to amplify the negative parts of other's lives while making it sound spiritual. People who have a low view of God take the negative details and magnify them while filtering out all positive aspects of what God has done in others. This creates division and a corresponding lack of power.
- LOTS of STORIES! Stories stir the heart and motivate. Don't neglect this incredible resource.

## 3. Share Possessions:

- Clothes
- Vehicles
- Money

## 4. Honesty --

- "Naked and unashamed..."
- Jesus loves me "just as I am", but He loves me too much to *leave* me "just as I am".
- Avoid religious piety. TALK about everything.
- Nothing is off limits. Jesus bore our shame naked on the cross so we don't have to hide behind religious facades. When students realize

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they can be themselves, we are a step closer to transformation.

5. Push them toward each other!

- Their future depends on it
- Only child vs large family

6. Pray

- Most people think about one another way too much, instead of praying for one another. I think this is a great secret that most groups never experience. We *think* about each other, *talk* about each other, but rarely actually *pray* for one another...
- You can promise any group that if they will actually put this one attitude into the reality of their lives, that they will soon begin to experience a strange but wonderful unity. Not that alone, but that group will also begin to experience the very presence of God in and through them like never before...

7. Miscellaneous thoughts:

- Inclusive language: "we're so glad you came tonight..."
- Barnes Sunday meal (I knew my name wasn't Barnes, but I wanted it to be... It was the way they treated me, but even more -- the way they treated one another. Sometimes it's less important for a child to know it is loved as it is for the child to know that mommy and daddy love each other.)
- Teach chivalry
- Honor elderly (Rev Tillery / Mr Lipscomb)
- marry a small Church (Durango)

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Session 7:

## ***MISSIONS***

video

### **Student trips:**

You're crazy if you don't do this - an accelerated application of at least two of the three fundamentals (community and responsibility)

Promotion

Training

Funding

Partnering with the right workers

See appendix:

- Missions study
- Short Term Trip student guide

### **Long Term Teams**

"Raising Up Workers" Strategy:

- 5 year commitment
- Students / MAs / Workers

Back on Campus:

Try to keep students very connected to Missions and missionaries:

- Missionary speakers
- Skype into meetings
- Missions Apartment (visitors)

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Session 8:

### **TRAINING:**

#### LTC - Leadership Training Class

- History and Development
- Current Goals
  - Family / Army
- Current Structure

See appendix: LTC Syllabus

#### CMIT

- Free Staff?
- Insider / Outsider
- One Year enough?

See appendix: CMIT brochure