

Mentoring a Returner

Goals:

- To set the stage for involvement this year and see how we can join the mission of Jesus in our setting this year.
- To continue growing in things that were begun last year.

Brainstorming/Share:

- What was your experience in Core like last year?
- What did God grow in your heart last year through Core and One-to-ones?
- Were there “growth goals” that you set with your Corefa last year that you would like to continue working on this year or implement this fall in Core?
- What are you hoping Core will look like this year? What do you see your role in Core as?

Scripture: Read and ponder for a while. You might even take a few notes or do a SOAP study.

2 Timothy 2:1-3: You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

Ponder Together: Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, is encouraging Timothy in a letter to stand firm and carry on the teaching of the gospel.

- What do you think are the things Timothy has heard Paul say?
- Why is it so important that Timothy entrusts those things to others who can then teach others?
- What do you think the metaphors of the soldier, athlete, and the farmer are getting at?
- What ways is God, as your commanding officer, calling you to serve?
- Where do you fit in the picture? Who are you receiving teaching from (or who in the past have you received teaching of the gospel from)? And who are you passing it on to (or who has God placed in your life this year that you can be intentional about praying for and intentionally entering into their life to draw them closer to Jesus)?

Application:

- Pray together about how Jesus would have you join His mission this year?
- What are some SPECIFIC things you can commit to in Core to help bring about His Kingdom?
- What are some SPECIFIC things you can commit to in other spheres of relationship in your life to help bring about His Kingdom?

Handout: Give returner a copy of the following to read. Meet again to discuss how they will help.

Ways YOU Can Help.... (Feel free to come up with others)

Below are lists of simple ways to serve both in Core and at Friday Night Fellowship beyond being actively involved and invested in others' lives (Core members, classmates, roommates, etc). Ultimately we hope that you not only serve but that you see yourself as a disciple-maker and as one who is vital to the mission being carried out at Western. For starters, choose a couple of these you will actually commit to. Keep in mind that elderly ministry is ALWAYS a great option to be involved and serve!

.....In Core:

- Be a faithful, committed attender of Core
- Be an active participant in Core discussions (at times you may also have to purposefully be quiet to allow room for others to share). You can help set the tone of openness and vulnerability in Core.
- Invite other girls/guys to Core. You can even help Core-fas make connections in the residence halls.
- Pick one or two people who seem on the fringes of Core and pursue friendship with them
- Regularly pray for Core
- Provide practical help like bringing an extra Bible to Core, give rides, invite Core members into your home (whether on or off campus), bring snack the first few Cores until others can sign up, etc.
- Join Regional Prayer. Or better yet, start and facilitate Regional Prayer (it's not just for Core-fas!)
- Plan an outreach for your Residence Hall Region (get a group of returners together to do this!)
- Plan a social event for your Core to do together
- Actively pray and be listening to the Lord throughout your Core
- Ask to lead a portion of Core (lead everyone in worship or a time of prayer or a game, etc)

.....At Friday Night Fellowship:

- Be praying and listening to the Lord throughout the week on behalf of our community (returners set the tone for open sharing on our Friday Nights)

-Regularly be a greeter and welcome in new people. You can also hang in the back to chat with people who might not have come with anybody

-Invite people to sit with you and your Core

-Pray! Pray for our Friday Nights throughout the week, join Pre-prayer any time you want, be available to pray with your Core during response times.

-Serve in practical ways on the tech team, bring the worship team dinner, help clean up Arntzen afterwards, bring extra Bibles and pens for others to use