

# Outwards Living Plan

Middle & High School

## STEP 1: MAKE GENUINE FRIENDS WITH UNBELIEVERS

- Think school friends, sports team members, relatives, neighbors, and those with shared interests (hobbies). God has placed you!
- Maybe prioritize 2 to 8 and basically become a brilliant friend.
- Pray for them.

No unbelieving friends at school? How about:

- Joining a *sports team*
- Make friends with unbelieving *friends of your friends*
- *Meals*: 21 per week

## STEP 2: NATURALLY ENGAGE ON SPIRITUAL THINGS

- *Let them know you are a Christian*, in a natural, unforced way.
- *Live an attractive, authentic life*, not perfect, but not high maintenance.
- *Be honest about your struggles*: don't hold out Christianity as a self-improvement scheme. Share how your faith helps you.
- *Listen to their problems*; maybe offer to pray for them.
- *Ask them about their faith, and just listen*. You might say, "Are you a person of faith? What does that look like for you?" If they say, "I don't believe in God" say, "Tell me more about that?" Don't show disapproval if you disagree with what they believe. Ask questions and listen with interest. This is what friends do! It is also an expression of love, respect and humility, and it will help you understand them better. It may also mean that in due course they are more open to hearing your view of faith.

### **STEP 3: DRAW THEM INTO OUR CHURCH YOUTH COMMUNITY**

- Invite along to Wednesday nights or other informal gatherings.

### **STEP 4: PERSONAL AND PUBLIC PROCLAMATION**

- **Personal:** Get prepared in your mind on how to explain to a friend why you are a Christian. You probably need a 30second and 3minute version to be ready for anything. Keep it real. Share how, in addition to how thrilled you are with the forgiveness of God, your faith helps you through daily stuff (e.g. stress, fear, drivenness).
- **Public:** Invite along to Youth Group, or Sundays, or whatever.

## **Our 2016 Goals**

**1. Everyone try and invite at least one unbeliever to our Easter Service, AND/OR, another appropriate event.**

**2. Have 2-8 friendships with non-Christians developing nicely by the Fall, so that we are all well-connected and ready to rip it.**