



Inning Purpose: To finish the school year strong. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18, KJV).

## INCLUDE (WEEK 1) SMALL GROUPS—GET A VISION

Purpose: To develop a dream (vision) for the rest of the year and to finish the year strong.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Items for icebreaker (optional)
- Refreshments

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
  - Inspire week speaker
  - Invest week outreach
  - Outreach assignments to club members (hang up posters, invite friends, etc.)
  - Other
4. Icebreaker
5. Small group discussion
6. Prayer/dismiss



### DISCUSSION:

Divide into groups of three to five students and ask them to discuss the following questions. You may want to select a facilitator for each group to keep the discussion moving. You may also wish to provide each facilitator or each group with a list of the questions and comments to be discussed.

1. Testimony time: what did you see God accomplish in the previous semester?
2. What are some practical ideas to show Christ's love on campus this semester?
3. What are some ways to unite Christians on campus to pray, serve, and share his or her faith for the remainder of the school year?
4. What are some ways to more effectively communicate with the student body?
5. What are some ideas you feel were most effective in serving the campus for the previous semester?
6. How can the club pray more effectively for the campus?

Note: Have someone from each group take notes so the ideas and suggestions can be presented during week 3.



- Schedule a leadership retreat with club leaders to develop ideas for the next semester. These retreats build a sense of family and provide time for goal planning.

***If time allows, answer the following questions in your small groups:***

1. What can you apply from today's discussion to your life?
2. Do you have daily time alone with God in prayer and His Word?
3. What have you learned from God's Word this week?
4. Did you attend church or youth service this past week?
5. What did you learn from the message/lesson?

## PRAYER/DISMISS





## INSPIRE (WEEK 2) GUEST SPEAKER—GET A VISION

Purpose: To inspire your club to get a vision and dream “big dreams” for the remainder of the school year.

### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Invite the speaker at least two weeks in advance and give him or her the topic (unity and teamwork).
- Instruct the speaker how and when to wrap up his or her time.
- Instruct the speaker what time and where to meet the day of the club.
- Select a student to meet the speaker at the office, help him or her sign in as a visitor, and take him or her to the meeting room.
- Select a student to introduce the speaker. You will need to get background information prior to the meeting. Give the information to the student who will introduce the speaker. Instruct him or her to practice the introduction before the meeting.
- Contact your guest speaker again a day or two before the meeting to reconfirm everything. (This is also a good time to verify your facts for the introduction.)
- Remember the goal is to motivate students, not to share denominational issues.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Speaker (Christian businessperson, teacher, sponsoring youth pastor, senior pastor, or other Christian leader)
- Refreshments

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
  - Invest week outreach event
  - Follow-up on or assign outreach assignments
  - Other
4. Introduce speaker
5. Guest speaker
6. Prayer/dismiss



### ICEBREAKER:

No icebreaker is listed due to time limitations. Give your guest speaker as much time as possible to speak; if time allows, a human video or short drama can be effective. The presentation should be inspirational and based upon the theme for the meeting.

### PRAYER/DISMISS

Note: Be sure to send a thank you card to your speaker as soon as possible after the meeting.



## INVOLVE (WEEK 3) STUDENT SPEAKERS—GET A VISION

Purpose: To share the dreams from the first week's discussion.

### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Ask two to three students to be prepared with a five-minute, written presentation based on the dreams and goals of the club (from week one's discussion and the leadership retreat).
- Be specific.
- Ask a youth pastor to look over the report, and give suggestions for improvement and clarification.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
  - Invest week outreach event
  - Follow-up on or assign outreach assignments
  - Other
4. Introduce student speakers (name and grade)
5. Student speakers
6. Questions and answers
7. Prayer/dismiss

### PRAYER/DISMISS:

Spend at least five minutes in prayer. Announce next week's speaker. Challenge the group to bring friends who are in personal need to Invest week next week.



## INVEST (WEEK 4) OUTREACH EVENT—GET A VISION

Purpose: To invest the Message of hope, Jesus Christ, in your friends and on your campus.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Food/breakfast (e.g., doughnuts). Ask a church to sponsor the cost as an evangelistic investment.
- Response cards and pens

### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Think creatively. What can you do that would make your pre-Christian friends want to come to Youth Alive this week?
- Secure the speaker at least two weeks in advance. Give your speaker the following guidelines as he or she prepare:
  1. Be prepared to ask the students to respond to the message and receive Christ as their Savior and Lord.
  2. Speak confidently; clearly and energetically tell everyone about Jesus, then lead those who are willing in a prayer of repentance and faith.
  3. Keep in mind the purpose for the week. Response cards will be given out.
  4. This should not be a story of one's church, but of the Lord who wants a relationship with each person.
  5. Don't use religious terms (like "sanctified" or "redeemed"); visitors who have never been to church do not understand the lingo.
  6. Stay away from abstract, hard-to-define concepts and stick to the practical. What is applicable?
  7. Allow enough time at the end to pass out and collect response cards.
- Select members to be responsible for distributing and collecting response cards. Give them clear instruction as to when and how this should happen.
- Plan for effective follow-up. Students who bring friends should follow up with them concerning a commitment to Jesus, to answer questions, involve them in a local church, and bring them back next week for Include week's small groups.

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements (date, time, and location of the next meeting)
4. Icebreaker (optional)
5. Introduce student speaker
6. Student testimony/gospel presentation



7. Invitation, prayer, response cards
8. Dismiss/initial follow-up

## SUGGESTED TOPIC

Challenge the club to begin the new year and semester with right priorities and dreams, by putting God first in their lives.

### *Other suggestions:*

- Worship band with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.
- Creative drama with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.
- Video with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.

