

▲ WHO WE ARE: A ministry of Harvest students

We are a *ministry of Harvest students*. This means that our focus is not about reaching every student from all the surrounding schools, but rather we want to reach every student and family attending Harvest. This doesn't mean we discourage teens from inviting friends... we are all about inviting friends and sharing our faith with others, but our primary focus is to minister and disciple the individual students and families within Harvest.

As a *ministry of Harvest students* we are not a top-down ministry with a youth pastor and adult youth leaders. Instead, we are an inside-out ministry with a sr high leadership team that provides strong student leadership... Yes I am the "Youth Pastor" but I am not the one who runs the show and comes up with everything we do. We want students to be involved in making decisions and leading our student ministry! This sr high leadership team helps with recruiting new students, scheduling and communicating upcoming activities, leading games, and facilitating small group discussions. We believe it's important for students to take ownership and leadership by bringing friends, asking questions, suggesting activities, getting involved, and serving each other.

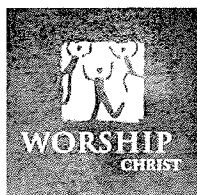
► WHAT WE ARE ABOUT: Harvest students helping other students

As a *ministry of Harvest students helping other students* we want to create a space and place for students to discover and deepen their identity in Jesus Christ. We want for every student to be exposed to an authentic faith and to be challenged to grow as a disciple of Christ. We are tired of posing & faking the Christian life... we want to have a real relationship that's serious about loving God and others. We don't pretend to know all the answers or act like we have it all together... we're real people with real problems, but we're REDEEMED!

We want for every student to encounter a fresh relationship with Jesus Christ through genuine friendships, engaging activities, dynamic teaching, honest discussions, and encouraging small groups. FYI this Fall we will be discussing how God designed men and women. You will be equipped to read, understand, and apply God's Word on your own and you will learn to view yourself the way Christ sees you and not how culture sees you.

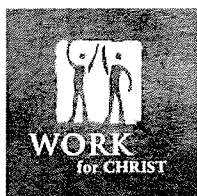
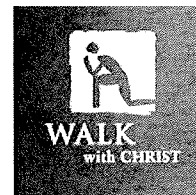
◀ WHAT WE DO: Worship Christ, Walk with Christ, and Work for Christ.

As a ministry of Harvest students helping other students we are about the same things as the rest of the church. We want the main thing to be the main thing and that is *Worship Christ, Walk with Christ, and Work for Christ.*



True worship happens every single day in the way we live our life and reflect God's glory. In Sr High the challenge is to connect what we believe to how we live in everyday life. Genuine worship happens as we make good decisions, become more aware of who God is, understand what God has done, and begin to live out who God has made us to be. Life is all about Worshipping Christ, he is the ONE who redeemed us to live for Him!

Small group is so much more than hanging out and having fun. We are challenged with God's Word, held accountable by others, and lifted up in prayer. Small group is where we learn how to live out our faith and it prepares us to walk with Christ during the week, no matter what we are facing or who is around. Small group includes worship, prayer, teaching, discussion, and breakout groups for guys and girls to go deeper in life & faith.



Working for Christ is when we roll up our sleeves, put our faith into action, and get sweaty and dirty for Jesus! Serving opportunities include local outreach in the church and community, missions trips, and serving on Sunday morning at church. We want to be in the game, actively serving others and working for Jesus Christ! As we work for Christ we want to boldly share and show his love to others.