

campus ministry

how to begin a navigator ministry on your campus

you are an answer to prayer!

There are hundreds of people across America who have been praying for God to raise up someone like **you**. You can be the catalyst for beginning a Navigator Campus Ministry **ON YOUR CAMPUS**.

who we are...

who are the collegiate navigators?

Most simply, we are a group of people from all over the United States (and the world) who follow Jesus Christ and seek to know Him in the context of the college campus.

our passion

...is to know Jesus Christ intimately and to help others know Him and become His devoted followers...those who spiritually multiply their lives into others.

We want to help people in all walks of life and life-styles navigate spiritually, coming alongside them as they seek to find the relevance of God and His Word in their lives.

our model

...is the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. While He spent time with the crowds, e never lost sight of the individual. He bound up the brokenhearted and taught His disciples to carry His message to others. Jesus focused on training a few men and women who would be able to go all over the world with His message. That's what we do too. We value the individual, helping them to have a vital relationship with Jesus and training them until they are able to repeat the process with someone else. Our focus is intensely personal and practical, equipping people with the tools and vision they will need for the rest of their lives.

The collegiate ministry has grown to campuses across the United States and has influenced hundreds of thousands of people for Christ. Students from Navigator ministries are continuing to influence others around the globe.

Join us as we make a difference in this generation.

one person at a time.

THE NAVIGATORS

laborers

the Navigators' Campus Leadership Network

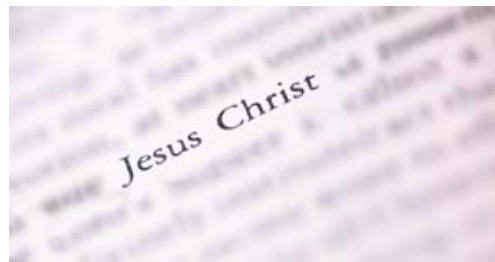
We are thankful

...to the Lord for you! Your desire to serve God and impact the lives of students on your campus will be honored by God. The **Campus Leadership Network** purposes to help people just like you begin a new ministry on your campus. A ministry that reaches the lost, and results in laborers and leaders.

We are excited about you and will be praying for you during this venture of faith.

Jesus

...was walking along a road and saw a great multitude of needy people around him. He was moved with compassion as He looked across this throng. His disciple Matthew recalls the scene for us.



"And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 'Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'"

Matthew 9:35-38

Our mission is to multiply laborers for the harvest. We do this in three ways:

- ◆ **Reach** people with the Good News
- ◆ **Teach** and train them to follow Christ as a laboring disciple
- ◆ **Launch** them into the harvest fields of America and the world to reach others.

Enclosed in this information packet are items that will help you to begin the process of starting a Navigator ministry on your campus.

THE NAVIGATORS

our vision

the need to reach students

Collegiate Ministry

...to reach the world through the campus...

The Spirit of God is moving across the campuses of this nation. The United States supplies the vast majority of the world's missionary force.

- Students are the leaders of tomorrow.
- 90% of those who trust in Christ, do so before the age of 21.
- You reach a student for Christ during the college years and the likelihood of their becoming a laborer is dramatically increased.

the challenge we face:

- There are 14.2 million college students in the USA.
- There are 3706 private and public institutions.
- With InterVarsity; Campus Crusade; B.S.M. and The Navigators combined, less than 1000 of these campuses have ministries on them.

our vision:

...to plant ministries on every collegiate campus in America so that every student, on every campus might have the chance to respond to Jesus Christ... that multiplying laborers and leaders would be raised from every campus to labor in the nation and in the nations.

a promise to claim:

“For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations, and they will resettle the desolate cities.” Isaiah 54:3

We believe that God will give us ministries across America... that will bless both our nation and the world.

our approach:

To continue to labor and develop ministries on campuses led by fulltime Navigator staff. At the same time, to launch a parallel ministry effort to plant and develop Navigator ministries on campuses across America through student and lay-led ministries. Our goal is to find those whom God has raised up, living on or near these campuses and help them to reach students & multiply laborers.

Solomon advises... “Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days.” (Ecclesiastes 11:1)

strategies

possible strategies to fulfill our vision

students

Our ministries will be student and volunteer led and served by NavStaff. There are students who desire to walk with God and allow Him to change their lives. They also desire to impact their fellow students for Christ. These are students at universities where there are no Navigator staff but who can trust God and take the lead in beginning and leading a new ministry.

navigator alumni

There are Navigator alumni spread all across this nation. These are men and women who are trained laborers. They are walking with Christ; they know how to share their faith; establish a new believer in the Christian life; lead a Bible study; invest in a few. They are experienced ... and they are out there ... available ... many still have a heart for college students.

volunteers

There are Christian men and women near every campus in America who want to reach students for Christ and help them to grow. We will partner with such people, give them training and backup so that they can develop a multiplying ministry on a campus. Our philosophy is to help you be successful in your ministry to students.

satellite ministries

In addition to their primary assignment, full-time Navigator staff can visit a campus nearby on a bi-weekly or so basis, helping a “key” contact as they lead a Nav ministry on that campus.

Local Church Partnerships

Navigators and local churches partner in reaching a campus. Our desire is to partner with churches who share a common mission: to reach students for Christ and to multiply laborers for the harvest. We both have something to offer. The local church can provide *a church environment and spiritual leadership, a loving environment where students can connect with other believers; a place to nurture the seeds of faith, etc.* and The Navigators can provide: *training to help equip those ministering on the campus; a people - focused, Christ-centered approach to ministry, a passion for the lost, tools & resources to multiply laborers and the broader network of The Navigators Collegiate Ministry, we can forge an effective partnership.*

A Vital Connect

One trained Navigator Staff member can “coach” student and lay leaders on 5 to 10 campuses. This is done via personal visits, phone, e-mail, and the internet. Our desire is to have a “vital connect” with those in our Campus Leadership Network.

the top ten

top 10 ideas for getting started

1. Pray! Pray! Pray!

Prayer needs to be the foundation stone of your work. A building is only as good as the foundation that supports the structure. The foundation of a productive ministry is laid through prayer. Claim a promise from God's Word for this ministry. It is God who causes the growth in a person's life or in a ministry.

2. Team Up!

Jesus sent out the 70- two by two. Solomon tells us that "two are better than one for they have a good return for their labor" (Eccl. 4:9-10). Put together a team that shares your vision. A clear mission and vision will help to attract the right students and others to team up with you to launch a Nav ministry.

3. Connect!

We can do more "together" than we can do by ourselves! The task is too great to do it alone. Let's connect and trust God together to reach students for Christ and to multiply laborers. Seasoned Navigator staff can coach you and provide resources that can help you start a Navigator ministry on your campus. Phone us at 1-888-NAVS-555.

4. Be Real and Reach Out!

Be real and genuine; don't play games. People can tell if you are sincere. Each person on your team can be used of God in student's lives! God desires you to be salt and light on your campus. Purposely get to know at least five non-Christian students, begin praying for them and God will do great things.

5. Casting the Net!

Your team can survey hundreds of students to find those who are interested in spiritual things. Quick, 30-sec. surveys on the campus mall, in the dinner line and in the dorms are an easy way to find new contacts. Call us for samples and ideas!

6. Raise the Flag!

Raising the flag declares "we are here and we claim this place for our sovereign!" You want to claim your campus for Christ! Raise the flag, let students know you are there. Putting up posters, handing out fliers, advertising events in your campus paper are great ways to get new people to an activity. Contact us for ideas and resources.

7. Register!

Becoming an officially recognized student group on campus will allow your team to use campus facilities and maybe even apply for funds. We can help with sample constitutions and charters you can adapt for your campus.

8. Link Up!

Invite students in your ministry to attend Navigator student retreats or conferences in your region. The summer brings training projects and missions trips they can take part in. Link your students with other Navigator campus ministries. It will encourage and stimulate both groups! We can help you to link up.

9. Bring in the Calvary!

You will need reinforcements. Involve your Christian friends from your church and in the community. Ask them to commit to praying for your ministry and to host activities at their homes from time to time. Students love home atmospheres.

10. Relate!

Make every attempt to maintain the unity of the faith. Good relations with other solid Christian groups on campus is a must. Seek to establish good communication with other groups and never recruit your leaders from another campus ministry.

find teammates who have the right stuff!

those who are...

1. sound in their beliefs!

Find people who, like you, agree with the Navigators' Statement of Faith.

2. faithful & available!

It is important to have people on your team who do what they say they will do. Look for the quality of faithfulness - both in small and the large things. They also need to be available. They balance their busy schedules so that they can be available to come to meetings, to meet with an individual... they're available.

3. godly character

Godliness will set the tone of your ministry. The men and women on your team need to have personal integrity - no one is perfect - but find those who can be trusted, discreet, and have a desire to live holy lives.

4. heart for God

Find those who have a heart for God. They want to get to know Him better. They are willing to regularly read their bible, pray - meet with God!

5. heart for people

Look for those who have a heart for people. Team members who are ministry-minded desire to see lives changed and will do what they can to evangelize the lost and help younger believers to grow.

claim a promise

Promises from God's Word for Your Ministry

In the following verse, we see the principle of the believer's rights as co-inheritors with Christ; as joint-heirs with our Lord. In 2 Cor 1 :20 we are told,

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God".

Since we are "in Christ" we have access to the promises of God. Being a joint-heir to the promises of God, we agree, saying Amen! We believe that God will do what He has promised. Throughout Navigator history, God has led men and women through Scriptures which the Holy Spirit has impressed upon their hearts. As they have claimed these promises in faith, God has worked through them to do great and significant things for the cause of Christ. Indeed, God would have every child of His develop a childlike faith and dare to believe Him.

Dawson Trotman, the founder of The Navigators once gave a message in which he asks, *What is the Need of the Hour?*

He goes on to point out that the need of the hour is not more methods, nor materials, nor personnel, nor even more money – all of which we do need. But, the real need of the hour is men and women who want what Jesus Christ wants and who believe that He wants to give them the power to do what He has asked. I believe the need of the hour is an army of soldiers, dedicated to Jesus Christ, who believe not only the He is God, but that He can fulfil every promises He has ever made, and that there isn't anything too hard for Him. It is my prayer that we would be such a people.

You too can claim promises from God's Word for your life and ministry. Spend time praying and reading over Scripture. Ask God to give you a broad vision and growing faith. Ask and believe that He will speak to you through His indwelling Spirit and the Word. As passages you are impressed with a certain passage, then begin to pray that it will come about. Over time you may gain a conviction that you can trust God to bring this about for you.