

What to Do the First Six Weeks of the Fall Semester

*The **first six weeks** of the fall semester are the most important of the entire year—they will set the direction of your ministry for the rest of the year!*

Before the Fall Semester Begins

Pray!

- Pray for the ministry effort on your campus. Think through promises in the Bible that apply to your situation, and pray those promises back to God.
- Recruit a team of prayer partners to pray *with you* for the ministry effort.

Plan and Prepare!

- Pull together your leaders to plan, prepare, and divide up responsibilities.
- Decide what activities you will have during the school year (Bible studies, fellowship meetings, retreats, social events, evangelistic outreaches, etc.)
- Create a calendar of activities for the fall semester.
- Decide how you will recruit students to these activities (religious surveys, flyers, posters, student organization fairs, etc.)
- Decide who your Bible study leaders will be, how many studies you will have, and what Bible study materials you will use.
- If there are other Bible study leaders, help them to prepare for the semester.
- Decide whether to have weekly fellowship meetings.
- Get on broad base contact lists, if your campus has them.
- Plan social events (like a picnic or sports) early in the semester to recruit new students and pull together returning students.

The First Two Weeks of the Fall Semester

*The goal during the first two weeks of the fall semester is to **gather** students and **recruit** them to Bible studies and other activities you have planned.*

- Recruit students heavily! Meet **lots** of students, especially freshmen.
- Involve others to help you recruit students to your ministry.
- Participate in student organization fairs, distribute flyers, place posters, and use other means to promote your ministry.
- Utilize religious surveys to find students who are spiritually hungry.