

# SUMMITVIEW TEEN FAMILIES

## High School Graduate

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At Summitview, one of our main goals as parents is to parent from a place of peace and trust. In the words of Summitview's mission statement, we "make disciples of Jesus by the grace of God." Yet parenting from a place of peace, trust and grace does not mean parenting passively. We want to parent with intention and see young adults sent from our homes with clear direction. For that reason, we design the content for our youth programs with a certain target in mind. The target is an 18-year-old who is an active disciple of Jesus Christ, and the description of such a disciple is designed around the five points in Summitview's vision statement. In each of these five areas, we would like to see students grow significantly during their time in our youth groups. Of course, this is not intended to be a simple checklist that we muscle our kids into satisfying. Rather, this is intended to offer us a set of goals, both objective and subjective, to provide both youth leaders and parents a framework for how we disciple our kids. Over the seven years of middle and high school, we hope to provide specific content, events and tools that help our teens walk in the patterns described below.

### DELIGHTING IN GOD

- :: Treasures God and enjoys being with Him through (1) consistent daily times, (2) regular extended times, and (3) corporate times of worship
- :: Regularly experiences and reflects the grace of God
- :: Loves the Bible, understands the basic doctrines of the faith, and is able to articulate the overall plan of redemption
- :: Sees God as trustworthy and expresses faith in all circumstances
- :: Understands the dominant idols in both the culture and his or her own heart, along with basic apologetic arguments for the truth of the Bible

### LOVING ONE ANOTHER

- :: Experiences genuine spiritual friendship and practices basic relational care through empathy, forgiveness and genuine interest in others
- :: Practices biblical hospitality by striving to create a relational environment that welcomes visitors, avoids cliques, and honors all
- :: Humbly lays down personal interests for the sake of others
- :: Treats the opposite gender with honor and respect
- :: Values the local church and intends to always belong to a family of believers

### MULTIPLYING CHRIST-FOLLOWERS

- :: Practices sharing the gospel with clarity and boldness
- :: Values counsel and actively seeks out mentorship
- :: Has developed appropriate leadership skills and influences others with a spirit of humility and servanthood
- :: Behaves winsomely towards unbelievers and develops loving relationships that result in gospel communication
- :: Has developed a vision for post-graduation that includes being a part of a community that is intentionally influencing the world for Christ

### BLESSING FORT COLLINS

- :: Has developed compassion and has become comfortable around the "least of these"
- :: Has experience helping to organize a service project
- :: Understands many of the complexities related to helping the needy
- :: Possesses a healthy appreciation for vocation and has begun to develop a vision for blessing the world through work and financial resources
- :: Intentionally serves neighbors, coworkers and/or classmates in his or her immediate sphere of influence

### EXPANDING GLOBALLY

- :: Has participated in at least one cross-cultural mission trip
- :: Has participated in at least one Spring Break outreach trip to help another youth ministry
- :: Understands main world religions, philosophies and cultures, along with a basic knowledge of the history of Christian missions
- :: Possesses a willingness to "become all things to all people"
- :: Prays regularly for the nations

