

ACTION GROUP INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

Welcome everyone to our first Action Group! Today we will be setting the scene for this action group and talking through what it's going to be all about.

ACTION GROUP PURPOSE

Action Group is a place for us to grow as disciples of Jesus, and put our faith into action at university. We want to make a difference for Jesus while we study here on our campus. We'll do this by:

- Meeting together for Action Group and learning from God's word,
- Learning to share our faith with others through weekly sharing times,
- Journeying together as Christians at uni to encourage one another in our faith.



THE GREAT COMMISSION

The heart of why we want to meet together as Christians at university is Jesus. He's given us a really important job. He wants us to share about him with others who don't know him, and make disciples of those who want to follow him. Here at university, there are literally thousands of students who need to hear about Jesus. While we study here, we have a great opportunity to share our faith with them. Hopefully, God will give us the privilege of seeing some of them become disciples of Jesus too.



Read **Matthew 28:18-20** as a group discuss the following:

- What do you think is Jesus' main message in this passage?
- Why do you think this message is important?
- Does this passage still apply to us today? Where can we see that in the text?
- How do you think you can live out making disciples in your life here at university?

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



OUR WHY

We in Student Life are convinced this verse applies to every Christian, and we want to live it out at university. If you think about it, students are the future leaders of our world. It's more than likely a future NZ prime minister is studying here right now at this university. One way we can impact the world of tomorrow is to share Christ with the university students of today!

For this reason, we make it a weekly Action Group commitment to go share our faith at uni at least once a week. Not only does it give people we talk to the chance to consider Jesus, it's also a fantastic opportunity to learn what questions people are asking about God. We'll learn how to explain our faith better with others as we get out on the mission here at university. We'll find that going sharing to people we don't know will actually help us become better at sharing with our friends and family who we do know.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS IN PAIRS

- *What are your hopes and expectations for this Action Group?*
- *How's your heart for the Great Commission?*



ACTION STEPS

- *Are there any questions to clarify what it means to be a part of this Action Group?*
- *When will I commit to go sharing each week at uni?*

PRAYER

Finish in Prayer: As a group, we want to pray each week about what we've learnt in Action Group. Today let's pray for God to give us all a heart to make disciples here at our university, and so take part in the Great Commission.