



CREATIVE DISCIPLESHIP

Creative Discipleship here at First is designed to reward your students as they develop habits of spiritual discipline while strengthening their relationship with Christ. Incentives within the strategy are designed to encourage movement toward Jesus and toward these habits becoming lifelong... knowing Jesus is the goal of our lives (we don't just do it for the incentives you'll read about next.) But, yes, we have some incentives this year for students who take Creative Discipleship seriously.

- These points can be earned from August 27, 2023 – May 30, 2024.

Students can earn points for the following:

- **Attendance (Sunday at 10:30am)** – Students will earn 2 points for every Sunday morning attended starting August 27th. Students should earn a minimum of 20 Sundays. *(A max of 40 points can be earned for this category).*
- **Daily Quiet Time** – Students will earn 1 point per day for up to 200 points for completed Quiet Times. While we realize that there are so many options for devotionals out there, only Quiet Times done in the *Word of Life Quiet Time* will count. This means that each student will need their own copy of the *Word of Life Quiet Time* in order to do this on their own each day. Pastor Bruce has copies of the Quiet Time book. Copies are \$20 each. *(A max of 200 points can be earned for this category).*
- **Scripture Memory** – Students will earn 5 points for each verse they learn. A maximum of 24 verses can be recited to an adult leader on Sunday mornings throughout the year. There will be PDF verse sheets made available to teens. Teens should choose verses that are meaningful to their growth, NOT just the shortest verses or verses they have recited in the past. The goal is growth and growth doesn't occur if you recite "the same old verses". *(A max of 120 points can be earned for this category)*
- **Service** – Another healthy habit for our spiritual growth is serving in the church. Students can earn 5 points for each time they jump into various service areas throughout our church. Areas include but are not limited to: nursery, coffee bar, youth ministry areas of service, tech team, worship band, greeters, LifeKids, and so many more. Your student can find Pastor Bruce or their small group leaders for more information on ways to serve here at FBC. *(A max of 80 points can be earned for this category.)*
- **Reading Books** – Students are encouraged to read Christian Books – Pastor Bruce has hundreds in his office he can recommend. The Fuse bldg. also has an assortment. The idea here is that students will read any approved book (small group leaders can approve) that has Christ-centered elements. Students will get 10 points for each book for a maximum of 30 points for this category. *(A max of 30 points can be earned for this category.)*
- **Gospel Conversations** – Students who share the good news of Jesus with a friend and have asked their friend if they'd like to pray to ask Christ to save them will earn 10 points per gospel conversation. This is a little more involved, so we'll equip teens this year with ways to make sure they present

the Gospel in an accurate and concise way with their friends. *(A max of 100 points can be earned for this category.)*

- **Bring friends** – Students are encouraged to bring friends to Fuse. Students can earn 5 points every time they bring a friend to church (Sundays and Wednesdays count for this). *(A maximum number of 50 points can be earned for this category.)*

Incentives:

- **Students who earn 1-299 points will receive...**

- o \$0 for camp.

- **Students who earn 300-399 points will receive...**

- o \$100 for Lake Ann Camp.

- **Students who earn 400-499 points will receive...**

- o \$200 for Lake Ann Camp.

- **Students who earn 500 or more points will receive...**

- o \$300 for Lake Ann Camp.

- o \$75 transportation fee will be covered as well. (New for this year: we're charging for every camper to get to Lake Ann Camp)

- o FREE Reverb for the following year (November 2024)

- o College scholarship for each year they complete.

- Colleges that honor this scholarship are as follows:

- Word of Life – New York Campus / Florida Campus - \$500 / year
 - Appalachian Bible College – West Virginia \$2000
 - Lancaster Bible College – Pennsylvania \$600
 - Cairn University – Pennsylvania \$500
 - Davis College – New York \$500
 - Nipawin Bible College – Saskatchewan, Canada \$300

- Points will be tracked by small group leaders with an app that Word of Life has developed.

- It is the responsibility of the teenager to connect with their small group leaders when points have been earned by the teen and need to be entered into the app that only our leaders can access.

- The goal of this program is consistent growth throughout the year.

- Teens will not be permitted to cram. In years past, we've allowed this. We will not allow that this year. Students must show steady and consistent effort toward their spiritual growth. So, if teens plan to earn points, now is the time to set goals and jump on the work!

Fundraisers –

- We have various fundraisers throughout the year.
- We are planning on 2 fundraisers this year. One in the Fall and one in the Spring.
- Students can earn money from the fundraisers if they show up for the fundraisers.
- The dinner we always do is a 2 day fundraiser.
- Students who only participate in 1 day will get 1 day of the funds credited to their camp accounts.
- Students can earn more points if they serve on both days of the fundraiser (applies to dinner specifically), sort of like if you work more than others, you'll earn more of course.
- It's a lot of effort to pull off the fundraisers. If you're willing to help Christa, please contact her at: 330.715.8529 (Christa, thank you so much for helping our teens/families with fundraising)

If your teen is going to Lake Ann Camp:

- Register them asap to get the best price. The earlier you register the better price you get. And, honestly, do it soon because by February last year, many of the camp spots were taken.
- Register them at www.lakeanncamp.com and choose week 3.
- Deposit and set up monthly payments.
- When your teen earns money, (either on May 30 where they get credit for their points earned or with one of our fundraisers) I will call in and make a payment on your child's camp account. When we go to camp, if there's a credit on your account, you'll get the money back for that.

I know there's a lot here... if you have any questions, contact me at 330.421.2111 or by email bruce.collier@firstmedina.org – I'm happy to help. Lastly, the whole goal of our lives is to know Jesus and make Him known to others. I really do hope this "creative discipleship strategy" will help your teen gain Godly habits that last a lifetime and lead them to the goal of "knowing Jesus and making Him known to others."