

T.A.G Core Values

1. Prayer: (*Romans 12:12; 1 Thes. 5:17*)

Prayer and devotion is a vital aspect of our ministry's atmosphere. Not just prayer that is flippantly thrown to the ceiling, but rather prayer that comes from a heart of devotion to God.

2. Unconditional Love: (*John 15:12-13; Romans 12:9-10*)

There are many unconditional attitudes we seek to demonstrate through this: unconditional acceptance, caring, compassion, and a sense of security. It communicates to students that this is a place where they know they are genuinely loved without any prerequisites – they are welcome no matter what.

3. Trust: (*James 5:16*)

In order for students to accept the messages we present to them, there needs to be an element of trust established between us. This includes the idea of trusting each other in such a way that hypocrisy is unnecessary and easily put aside allowing us to be real, honest, and genuine with each other.

4. Respect: (*1 Peter 2:17*)

Everyone has different opinions and perspectives. Although we have differences, we agree to respect each other and not allow it to affect our relationship. We do not push students to Christ -- we respect their wishes and let them discover Him on their own pace. There is also a general respect for people's time, efforts, and values.

5. Encouragement: (*Hebrews 3:13*)

No one likes walking down a hard unknown path without support. Neither do students enjoy walking down an unfamiliar spiritual road without support and encouragement. Our ministry is built on motivation and support through encouragement in every area of a student's life.

6. Fun: (*Ecclesiastes 3:4*)

We value a light atmosphere of fun and laughter when appropriate. God made humans with the ability to laugh and have fun, so that ability should be implemented into ministry. No one enjoys or feels attracted to a strict and solemn environment. This joyful atmosphere can be used to enhance relationships by allowing students to relax and feel more comfortable. It can also allow for them to be more receptive to our message of Christ.

7. Challenging: (*Eph. 4:1ff; 1 Thess. 4:1; 1 Pet 2:11*)

The balance to fun is in the challenging aspect of our ministry's core values. We challenge the students in different aspects of their lives, but most importantly challenge them in a deeper understanding of the Bible's content and its application to their daily lives.

8. Hospitality: (*Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9*)

We extend ourselves and our resources to each other. This includes material hospitality, but it also involves creating an environment that is seeker sensitive and comfortable for unsaved students.