LEAVING A LEGACY FOR CHRIST IN YOUR FRATERNITY OR SORORITY

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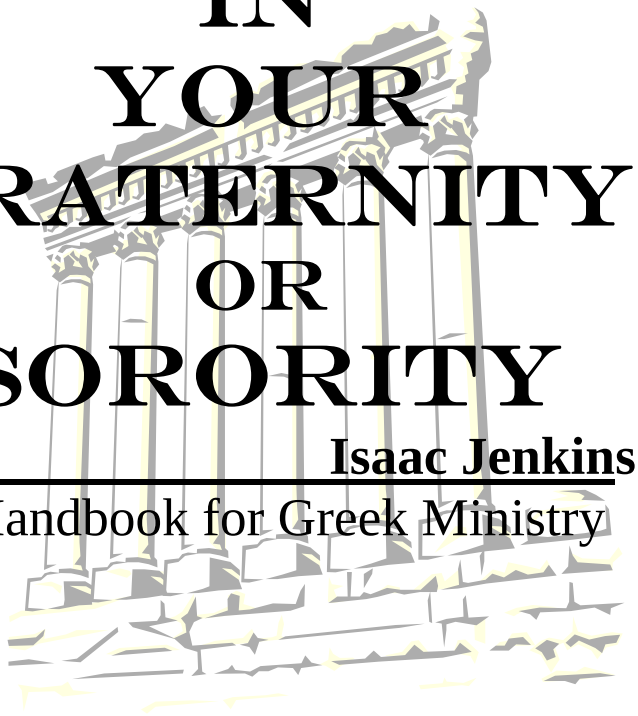
A Handbook for Greek Ministry



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Preface
Why Minister to Greeks?

My goal in writing this book is to equip you with a ministry mindset that will help you build a ministry in your chapter that will long outlast your time in college.

One of Campus Crusade's most basic mandates is to win students to Christ, build them up in their faith, and send them out to minister to others. The Greek system is one of the best places on the campus today to see these objectives carried out. There have been so many different strategies attempted in Greek houses over the years. Some have been effective while others have caused an entire chapter to close the door in our face.

This book is by no means a comprehensive guide to Greek ministry. My prayer is that regardless of what ministry you are associated with, this book will provide you with some basic principles that will give you confidence and make you more effective in ministering to Greeks in your chapter.

At times, it may sound like I am only talking about working with men but I the same principles can be applied to working with women in sororities.

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." Galatians 6:9

Foreword

The fraternity and sorority chapters on your campus may represent the most significant student groups you reach for Christ. There are at least five compelling reasons to reach out to Greeks:

1. **Leadership**-Greeks are often the leaders of the campus. The nature of Greek organizations encourages and often develops leaders. Greeks commonly run campus organizations, clubs, and student governments that continue beyond college in business, politics, and civic arenas.
2. **Non-Christian Friends-** Greeks are the students who are often the most connected to non-Christians relationally. They often live, eat, participate in athletics, and spend most of their social life with students who do not know Christ. They do not need to make non-Christian friends. They already have them.
3. **National Chapters-** The fraternity and sorority chapters are uniquely connected nationally. This interconnectedness among Greeks provides us with "National" ministry opportunities. Greeks want to be with Greeks. They influence each other.
4. **Brotherhood/Sisterhood-** Greeks have a strong affinity for their house. They have completed a formal pledgeship and initiation that has bonded them not only to the current members but also to the heritage of their chapter that is often over 100 years old. This creates a powerful environment for personal ministry. A Greek who comes to Christ is often captured by the idea of reaching his or her "brothers" or "sisters" for Christ within an existing community.

5. **Lack of Outreach-** Despite all of these positives, this strategic group is often the most neglected. Many Christian organizations and churches never enter the front door of a house. Although Greeks may appear uninterested or as if they have it all together, this group can be the critical mass for reaching the entire campus.

It is with this in mind that Leaving a Legacy for Christ in Your Fraternity or Sorority was written. The vision and practical how-to's are here for you to begin or continue reaching Greeks on your campus. Isaac's desire in providing you with this book stems from his personal experience of successfully applying these concepts at Ole Miss. Prayerfully, this will open doors that will help you in building your movement for Christ.

Bill Boldt
Director of Campus Crusade for Christ
Auburn University

I took this picture of Bill and his kids after we had just been on a good quail hunt.

Darren Stoelzing and Mark Jones are with me in this picture. It was taken sometime around my wedding day almost 24 years ago. When Jones had pledged ΣX, he asked me to be his big brother. I said yes. I lived next to the ΣX house and Darren lived in the house so I made Jones move in with him. Darren led him to Christ that night on his couch. That began a great friendship between all three of us.

Chapter 1
Being Part of a Legacy

A long time ago on a college campus somewhere, an initiated member in a fraternity had the grand idea of making pledges live *in* the fraternity house during pledgeship. This would almost guarantee that pledges would make every "work party" as well as be easily accessible to late night visits by actives eager to make sure pledges knew their pledge material. This was the world I

entered into as I stepped onto the campus at the University of Arkansas during the fall of 1986.

Back then, some fraternities conducted rush during the summer so I received my bid to Sigma Chi a week before school started. We were told that we were “lucky” in that we got to move right into the fraternity house but not yet lucky enough to be called pledges. We would be initiated into pledgeship a few weeks later. For now we were simply house guests.

We soon learned that living in the house was not as convenient as we had originally thought. Some pledges were fortunate enough to live with actives (initiated members) so they didn’t get hazed as much. But some of us weren’t so fortunate and had to live with other pledges. I happened to be one of the unlucky ones. I quickly learned that if an active wanted in my room, the best thing to do was get to the door and open it as soon as possible. It didn’t matter if you locked your door or not. Most of the actives had pass keys that opened all the locks. If you dead bolted your door, you were just an easy target for actives looking for a good excuse to kick in a door.

There was one active with the last name Liggon and we secretly called him the “Liggon Monster” because he was a ruthless hazer. I had heard of pledges the previous year getting their doors sawed in two with a chainsaw by him if they didn’t open their doors soon enough. I got a few late night visits from him.

Some of my pledge brothers had their doors kicked in to the point that their door and the entire frame as well were gone. One of my pledge brothers chose not to open his door one night when a few actives came and knocked. Instead, he jumped out the window. The only problem was that we

lived on the second floor and he ended up breaking his ankle. He got the nickname “Ninja” and it stuck for the rest of his time in college. One pledge ran to the door but didn’t get there fast enough and when they kicked it in–he got a broken nose.

This was our first party with another pledge class. I’ll never forget this night. We had our first official “line up” after this party. A line up is a time when the pledges are lined up down a hallway and given lots of verbal “encouragement”.

Soon we would be initiated into pledgeship and wondered if real initiation would ever come. It finally did in mid-February, six months later. Until then, we had to be out of the house every morning by 7:15 a.m. with our assigned “daily duties” done. If we ever failed in one of our duties, we were given a demerit. After 10, you would be blackballed or kicked out of the fraternity. I never knew anyone to get 10. Most would be blackballed by the chapter if they got around five.

The actives attended chapter meetings on Monday nights while we sat in our rooms and studied. Once chapter

finished, the actives would run through the house yelling at us to get to our pledge meeting. This was a time to hear from the pledge trainer and receive “encouragement” from the actives.

Around halfway through pledgeship, I reached a crucial point in my faith. I knew it was either sink or swim. I decided to swim. I began reading the Bible consistently. It was during this time that I actually began to live out the Christian life. Thankfully, I befriended a pledge brother named Darren Stoelzing who was a young believer like me. He too wanted to grow in his relationship with God.

Through all this, the Lord began working in my life. Around the end of my first semester, I began to feel an overwhelming sadness for the spiritual condition of many of the guys in my chapter. We went through so much together, and as I got to know them, I began to realize that beneath their façade of having it all together, they were hurting— even sinking. We all felt that we had the best pledge class on campus (like every pledge class feels about itself), but I began to see that behind those good looks and nice clothes, were young men who were desperately seeking something to truly satisfy them.

Though I had been a Christian for about three years I had never stepped out in faith to try to make a difference in others’ lives. The second semester of my freshman year would begin a journey that would cause me to dedicate the next 25+ years of my life to ministering to men in fraternity houses.

Men who motivated me

During my first semester as a pledge, two guys really stood out. One was an active named Skip Stoelzing. He had pledged two years before me and was one of the few solid Christians actively involved in the chapter. As a matter of fact, he floored me one day when he said that the next year, he planned on moving back *into* the house to minister to guys. I was still a pledge and couldn't wait to get *out of* the house.

I couldn't believe how dedicated he was to the chapter. Skip was an inspiration to me because he was constantly over at the house and yet he was solid in his character. These combined qualities made him one of the most respected guys by me and the entire chapter.

Another guy who inspired me to start thinking of doing ministry in my chapter was a Campus Crusade for Christ staff guy named Neil Tomba. God used him to jolt me out of my complacency. He was not Greek, nor from Arkansas and yet he took the initiative to get to know the guys in my chapter and started a Bible study. He ended up helping lead several of my pledge brothers to Christ. Through this, I realized that God wanted to work in my chapter and if I didn't step up and step out in faith, He would use someone else to draw men to Himself.

The Beginning of My Personal Ministry

I can still remember praying before I approached the pledge trainer the next fall. I was then a sophomore and lived next door to the fraternity house. I had decided to speak in front of the pledge class one Monday night during their pledge meeting. I really had no training, so I figured that I would tell them my testimony, pass out 3” by 5” cards, and ask them to write down on a scale of 0 to 100 how sure they were that they were going to heaven if they died. My plan was to follow up with the ones who wrote a low number and explain to them how they could know God personally and be confident of going to heaven.

But before I get into the specifics of doing ministry; I want to share with you in the next chapter a mindset that you need to be growing in as you begin ministering to Greeks.

Since I graduated from Arkansas in 1990, I have been working full-time with Greeks through the ministry of Cru I have had the privilege and honor of working in the Greek system at Auburn and now at Ole Miss. Over the years, it has been exciting to see hundreds of men and women take the initiative in the power of the Holy Spirit to have an influence in their chapters. Over the next several pages, I hope to walk through some of the basic principles that I have seen work on these campuses.

I took this picture in the basement of the Sigma Chi house right about the time I was graduating. I was counting on the four guys on the left to continue on the ministry in our fraternity. Did they?

Chapter 2
A Few Thoughts before You Begin

In the early morning hours of December 16, 1944, Germany unleashed its last great offensive of World War II. The Allies had begun to retake Europe six months earlier. The general feeling was that the war was almost over and Hitler had only a few soldiers left to fight. The opposite was true. Hitler managed to pull together more than 200,000 men and took the Allies by complete surprise. This military blunder would later be known as the Battle of the Bulge.

Eisenhower presided over the Allied command and was quick to respond. Within two days, he rallied thousands of

American and British troops who raced to the front lines to thwart the Germans. As the 101st Airborne, a key battalion for the Allies took their command; they would later report that as they marched toward the front lines, a rush of our own frightened infantry could be seen running toward them and screaming, "Run! Run! They'll murder you! They'll kill you!"[1]

Most of these screaming, frightened men running from the front lines of battle were hastily trained recruits known as "Replacements." During the last six months, since D-day, most of the veteran soldiers had been killed or wounded in battle and taken out of the front lines. The Replacements, despite their desire to serve the Allies, were unequipped. Thanks to men like that of the well-trained 101st, the Battle of the Bulge was short-lived and more than 100,000 Germans were killed, wounded or captured. It was the beginning of the end of Hitler's "New Germany".

I never want someone to run away from ministering to Greeks because they feel poorly trained or intimidated. I meet students all the time that say they have no idea how to begin a Greek ministry. Some of these students stay as far away from the front lines of Greek ministry as possible for fear of rejection or failure.

Some students want to minister to Greeks, but they just don't know what to do. Often, they will ask me questions like, "How do you start a ministry?" or "What do you do to get actives in your chapter involved in *anything* spiritual?" My hope and prayer is that you will see the incredible opportunities around you and gain the confidence to step out and trust God to do big things in your chapter.

1. Steven E. Ambrose, *Band of Brothers*, 176.

A few thoughts before entering a house

Confidence
Always remember, if the people around you do not know Christ, then you have something that they desperately need. No amount of dates, drugs, or alcohol will ever fill the void that Christ came to fill. He is the answer to every problem your chapter may have, and this realization will give you the confidence to step out and trust God for big things in your chapter.

Do I need to actually share Christ with the actives –or just lead by example?
Do not fool yourself into believing that most of your active brothers and sisters already know Christ. In fact, sadly enough the Greek system is one of the best places to find people who do not know Christ. Unfortunately, many Christians in sororities and fraternities act as if their Greek brothers and sisters are Christians. Out of my 25+ years of working with Greek men, almost 90 percent have never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. Think about it this way: if you are actively seeking out ways to make Christ known in your chapter, you are going to see people come to know Christ!

Prayer
Within our ministry, we view the fall as a time to sow broadly. I spend more time in evangelism during the fall, than at any other time of the year. Spring, then, is a time to build into our leaders. For the past four years, our ministry has watched God work in a huge way through the discipline of fasting. Each year our student leaders come together and make a forty-day calendar on which each student prayerfully considers taking a day to fast for our ministry and for the upcoming fall. Some students may only fast one day out of the forty day period while others may fast one

day per week. Students commit by anonymously making a check on the team calendar until each of the forty days are filled.

We also reserve a room in the student union once a week for students to meet during lunch and pray together. We usually cover between 80 –120 days each year in prayer. That means that each year we are averaging between two and three forty-day fasts as a ministry! I believe that a large reason the numbers involved in our ministry has almost doubled each year is a direct result of our students going before the Lord in fasting and prayer.

Something else that we used to do at the beginning of each semester at our chapter was what is commonly known as a Jericho walk. Basically, we would walk around our house and pray for specific members as well as for the overall spiritual health of our chapter. We would have a Jericho walk each day for seven days and then seven times on the last day. By my senior year, we had around six or seven guys join with us who would walk early in the morning or late at night. While we walked around the house, we prayed for actives by name and asked God to work within our chapter. This was a way of starting out the semester trusting that God would work powerfully within our house.

Over the years, I have known men who would meet once a week and walk through their houses stopping by each door and praying for the men sleeping inside each room. These men are truly dedicated to seeing God work in their chapters!

A Few Thoughts as You Build a Ministry Working With Greeks

Friendships with Greek Advisors

As our ministry in the Greek houses began to grow here at Ole Miss, I figured it would be good to get to know the Greek advisor. One day I went in to meet with him and took along one of my student leaders. We talked for a while before he spoke honestly about his thoughts on campus ministers, and what he told us was quite sad. Every year he had been bothered by campus ministers who drew out Christian students from their chapters and left the rest of the house to "Go to hell". He felt that most campus ministers were trying to draw all the "good" guys away and allow the hazers to run the chapters. If you think about it, many campus ministries appear like this. They basically promote the idea, "Come join us and we will become your holy huddle–or your fraternity". We all tend to drift that way if we do not constantly remind ourselves that we need to be focused outwardly.

I assured our advisor that our goal is to equip students to be the most active leaders in their chapter. We want them to hold offices like president and pledge trainer. Over the years, I think we have helped remove the stereotype as we have had many leaders hold key offices in their chapters. We have even had several seniors move back into their houses so they can have an influence on the younger guys. One year, we had four senior ΣX's move back into their house, just to lead a ministry. This is becoming a unique tradition in that house.

I can honestly say that there will be hundreds of reasons why you should not be active in your house. As you grow as a Christian and as a leader on campus, there will be growing opportunities on campus that can distract you from

making a difference in your chapter–and yet your chapter is precisely the place where the largest amount of lost people who know you very well live. The temptation will always be to pad your résumé for the future instead of focusing on your chapter now. I would challenge you to trust God with your future and spend your time now leaving a legacy. I am not saying ignore academics, but what I am saying is that I believe God will honor your service to Him as you focus on the lost He has placed around you.

Your chapter should be the place you invest a large portion of your time. I would encourage you to eat, sleep and attend every chapter meeting and every party. The more you are at the house the more others will respect you. I took this so seriously that my pledge brothers nicknamed me "Active Ike."

Yes, I will add that you need to have a healthy balance. In other words, you need to balance your time in the chapter with good healthy Christian fellowship. But what I see most Christians doing is exactly what our fraternity advisor saw–that the more Christians grow, the more they tend to lose sight of those around them and therefore, they only hang out with people like *them*! Now, did Jesus do this? How did He spend most of his time? It was with those who needed Him the most.

Talking with David and Camp about some of our next steps in ministry in the ΣN house.

Ted Wilcox
worldwide challenge

"And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these things entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:2

Chapter 3

Seeing a Legacy Far Outlast You

Now I would like to give you a visual of just how far your ministry can go if you take the time to invest in younger men. In this chapter, my goal is to motivate you through pictures of men who have influenced men through the years in their chapter.

In the following pages are just some of the men who have gone on to be a faithful witness to the men after them. **When you see it on paper, it is truly fascinating to see how far reaching your prayers and labor for your fraternity can extend!**

I really enjoyed doing the research for this chapter. It allowed me to catch up with fraternity brothers I haven't talked to in years, and I got to connect with younger ΣX's whom I had never met. Tons of these guys went on to do some kind of ministry: some full-time and others have used their business to minister to other men. Some of these guys told me great stories I had never heard; stories of guys they thought would never trust Christ but finally did after college.

Arkansas

I'm going to start out by showing you the lineage of the Sigma Chi house at Arkansas and then show you what has happened at Ole Miss. Some of these guys trusted Christ through our ministry, and others came to college already solid in their faith and were able to join in with us.

Σ X

At

Arkansas: 32 years of legacy

Hunter Hall (ΣX from Arkansas) did a personal study of the lineage in ΣX over the years, and, since the time of Skip, who was one of the first Christians I knew in the house, **he believes that more than 25 guys have trusted Christ in the chapter, and at least NINE went on to full-time ministry! Below are more than 35 guys who have been a part of the legacy at Arkansas. Most of them have no idea how many guys prayed for them before they ever pledged.**

*****I only know some of the men in the list and I am sure there are others that I just didn't get their names by the time I needed to go to print.

Skip -pledged fall 1984

Darren (pastor), Isaac 1986

Mark, Jim (staff with crusade 2 years), Bill
Brandon, Hunter Hall - 1988
Jeff, Craig (trusted Christ in 1989)
Jay (Vice President), Todd (pledge trainer –went on to become a pastor) -1991
Gene (assistant pledge trainer)
Jeff (came to Christ my senior year)
Stephen (led Hunter Be. To Christ)
Hunter Bo. (pastor) 1992
Brad; Hunter Ba.; Benton; Ben (two of these guys did a year of overseas missions with Crusade) 1994
Nate: Rob; Ryan 1995
Matt; Brent B. 1998
Kirk; Stephen 1999
Richard; Ben 2000
Wes w. 2001
T J; Hunter Be. (Staff with Crusade)
Brad A. (ministered in India for a summer) 2002
Daniel; Nathan; Mason; Chris 2004
Nat; Stephen 2005
John, Andrew 2006

Brief void in the legacy line

Joe Boone 08'
Cole 15'

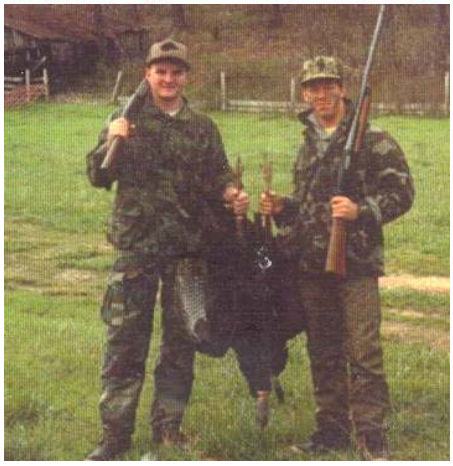
Skip and his younger brother Darren. You can see Skip's "member" badge and Darren's pledge pen. He and I had just started pledgeship. Darren and I went to high school together and had driven up to Fayetteville one weekend during our senior year to stay with Skip in the ΣX house. That was the first time I had ever been exposed to the Greek system. It was definitely an eye opening experience! (Skip pledged in 84' and Darren in 86')

Skip and I at the ΣX house. He blew me away one day when he told me that he had decided to move back into the ΣX house his senior year! He wanted to be more accessible to the guys. When most Christians would be distancing themselves from fraternity guys, Skip was actually being active in their lives. I would end up doing the same thing my senior year.

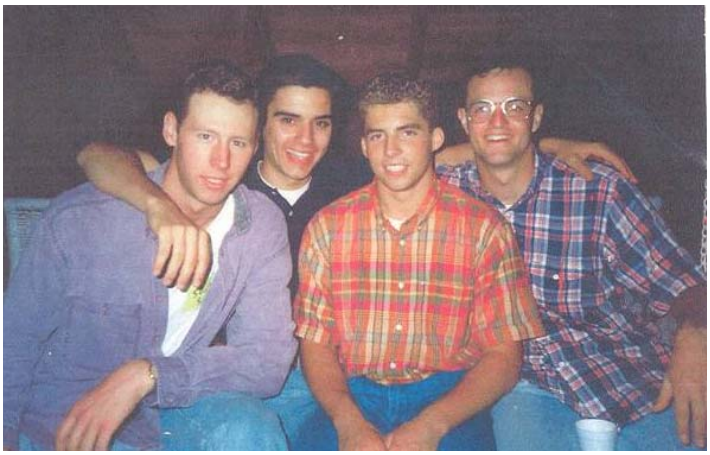
Four of the guys who carried on the ministry in the ΣX after I left are: from left to right: Jim Landsaw; Hunter Hall; Bill Cobb and Brandon Simmons. The first three guys on the left trusted Christ my senior year –that is why your senior year is so crucial for you to be active. Jim prayed with me in my room sitting on my bed. Hunter prayed to receive Christ one night after one of the chapter studies and Jones led "wild" Bill to Christ.

Bill (with me in pic) prayed to trust Christ with Jones a week after I did a "Halloween" Bible study that Bill attended. Later he would tell me that after that study, he couldn't sleep for the next week, and one day came to talk with in my room. I was gone, but Mark Jones was there and led Bill to Christ sitting on my couch. Bill took off spiritually. Here we are at his cabin cleaning some bass. We only caught a few hundred that day.

Brandon S. was a back up QB for the Hogs. He also played for ΣX . We hosted charity bowl. We never lost with him at QB.



Martin was the first guy I ever shared my faith with while hunting. Taking guys hunting can be a great way to connect. I spent a weekend with him and several others turkey hunting in Missouri.



From left to right: Todd, Jay, Gene, and Hunter. Hunter trusted Christ after one of my Bible studies and he really caught the vision of discipleship. Here he is with three of his key ΣX's. They would take over the ministry in the chapter after he graduated. (Hunter pledged in 88'; the other three pledged in 91')

Hunter and Jim are spending time with an international student who was led to Christ by one of our ΣAE friends. Jim trusted Christ with me during my senior year and worked with Crusade for two years after college.

Hunter (back row center) went on staff with Crusade and returned a few years later to the U of A to be the director. He immediately went back into the ΣX house, because he had discipled the older guys. Here is a group of his ΣX's.

Me, Brandon, Jay, and Aaron. Brandon flew Meg and me to Scotland to do his wedding. I graciously accepted his offer and here we are outside the castle. Brandon discipled Aaron, and Hunter discipled Jay.

We are singing the “Sweetheart of Sigma Chi” to Brandon’s wife Victoria. We some how managed to remember the words.

A current photo of Nate Stratman. He says that he began making Christ the Lord of his life during his time in the ΣX house because of Hunter Hall’s influence on his life. He went on to become a youth minister. He pledged in 95’.

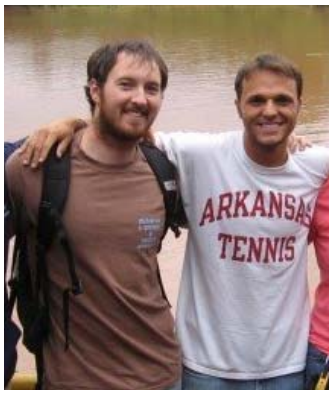
Ben pledged in 01’ and Wes in 02’.

Hunter pledged in 02’

Hunter Benson, on left, trusted Christ through Stephen, who was discipled by Hunter H. who trusted Christ with me my senior year. Hunter B. told me recently that he saw a few guys trust Christ before he graduated in 05’. He discipled the next generation of leaders in the house. He went on to work with Greeks at M.I.T.

Hunter said this about the guys above when this picture was taken: “Chris is on the left (he accepted Christ his freshman year just like me). Nate on the right is the current President of the Univ. of Ark. student government. Both guys were in my freshman Bible study my senior year.”

Daniel, Nate, and Nathan were in the Bible study. Nathan on the right co-led a study with Mason.



Brad and Hunter on a mission trip to Kenya.

At some point over the next five years, the ministry in the ΣX house stopped. Someone quit sharing their faith. Someone quit discipling and the chain ended. But God blessed our prayers from the last 20+ years and a staff guy named Blake from a campus ministry named Student Mobilization went into the ΣX house and led a freshman pledge named Joe Boone to Christ. Joe would minister in the house over the next 3 ½ years then join Stu Mo to go back into the house and minister to the members and pledges.

Joe and Blake

Joe and Cain
Joe is praying that Cain will help lead the chapter for the Lord in the fall of 2016

Joe and Cain went on a stu mo summer beach project and led a student to Christ together on the beach

Soon, I will be starting my 23rd year of ministering to Greeks at Ole Miss. I want to highlight two fraternities who have really experienced a consistent legacy of guys mentoring and discipling younger guys in their chapter.

Σ N

Ole Miss: 23 years of legacy
***at least 4 of these guys served a year in missions and 26 have done summer missions**

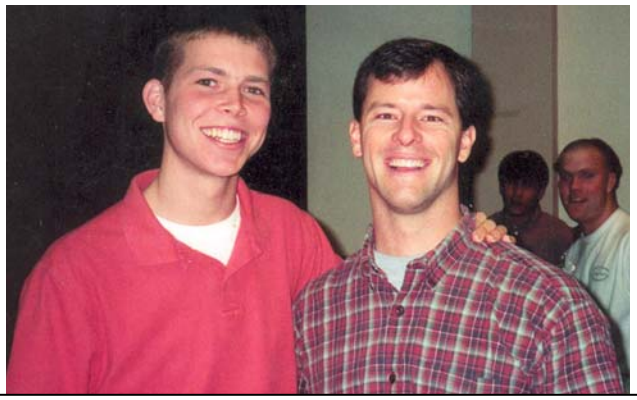
1994 -Gordon (pastor)

1994-Denny; David; Joey
1995- Michael; Raun W.(year in Italy with crusade).;
Taylor; Tommy; Brad; Andrew; William; Jonathan
Daniel; Chas E.; Trey, Will
2004 – Trey Lamar > Will Todd > Ryan Walker >
2005 – Camp Craig >
2006 – Brett Cantrell > Barton Kimbro
2007 – David Reed
2008 – Mitchell Cox – McDaniel Wicker – Tyler Little – Jeff Payne – Chase Wynn – Dexter Haynes
2009 – Jeff Reed > Adam Ruff – Ben Baxter – Benjamin Stewart – Hardy Farris
2010 – J.R. Davidson >
2011 – David Thompson – Carl Diffee > JG Strange – Taylor Hensler – Doug Corey - Wesley Howell - Jim Humphries > Taylor Sams > BJ Barr
2012 – Drew Narmour > Will Steward > Drew Hayhurst -
2013 – Conner Coskery > Mark Rushing – Buck Wheeler >
2014 – Patrick Higginbotham >
2015 – Chris Deithelm – Conner Adkins > Reid Patterson > Chancellor Zaugg

I call Gordon Fleming the granddad of the ΣN house. He really started walking with the Lord his sophomore year and became a pillar in that chapter. He had at least seven established leaders mentoring younger guys by the time he graduated. He went on staff with Crusade, then seminary and now works in a church.

There are six ΣN's and six ΣX's in this pic at my surprise 30th birthday party. This was a lot of our first and second generation guys. Gordon is in the back picture with the UM jersey. Bo is on the far right. I call him the spiritual granddad of the ΣX ministry.

The two guys in the back are David Ruff and Raun Wetzel. Raun trusted Christ with Gordon and me. We are in a train headed to Timisoara, Romania for the summer. We are smoking our first Cubans. Raun almost threw up but said that he was “fine.”



Tommy and I after one of our weekly meetings. He was killed in a car wreck his senior year. We shared Christ with three ΣN‘s a few days before he went on to be with the Lord.

William McKenzie and I after one of our many duck slaughtering escapades. William stepped up big time after Tommy died. He led several guys to Christ in the chapter.

Three ΣX; 3 ΣN and a KΣ at Greek Summit. All of these guys, including the KΣ, were very involved in ministering to their chapters.

I took this picture of Daniel and Ryan Walker (both are Sigma Nu's from Ole Miss) right after we had just slain some Texas Rio's. They were both active Sigma Nu's and are one of the many reasons I love my job.

Two of my Sigma Nu's, Dexter and D Reed pose with my kids and I after their annual charity bowl game. They compete each year in full pads against another fraternity in order to raise money for different charities for their philanthropy.

Last spring, we took around 45 Greeks to Italy to do ministry. The three middle guys are ΣN's. we are in Chinq-wa-tera, Italy.

Camp, Peyton and D Reed. These three have been faithful in ministering in the Sigma Nu house!

McDaniel, Drew, and Mitchell. Drew was the student body President at Ole Miss as a senior. McDaniel and Mitchell were leaders in the house during that time.

Kyle Cole is leading a freshman study in my back yard (seated in back with papers). He was a ΣN and now is on staff helping me. Rorrie (with tie on) pledged ΣN and played baseball for Ole Miss.

Hunter, on the left and Jeff, on the right have been faithful guys. Jeff will be a sophomore this next fall. He attended Greek Summit in Destin Fl. which helped him have a great ministry in the ΣN house.

Kyle Cole has been on staff at Ole Miss for 10+ years. He took these 6 ΣN's to Rome Italy one spring break. Here they are in Florence at the end of the trip.

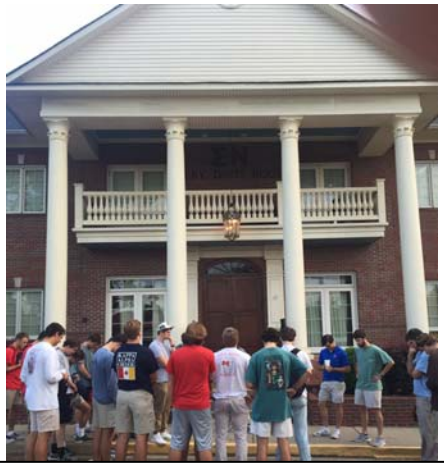
Here is a ΣN group pic after one of the discipleship meetings. Most of these guys have been on Greek Summit and 3 have done full time ministry at least one year.

This is one of the and freshman coed studies. Both pledge programs “highly encourage” the pledges to roll out so the study usually has around 250. We always share the Tommy Tosh story at the first meeting and share the Gospel. In a given Fall we will see 150 – 200 decisions for Christ at these studies.

This is the ΣN and DG coed freshman study. A buys us 800-1000 bibles every Fall for the study. They are in the boxes on the table.

A ΣN went on Greek Summit and came back with a vision to have a Greek wide worship night at the ΣN house. Over 1,000 Greeks showed up. I believe it was the biggest worship night in the history of Ole Miss.

One of my ΣX's and I got to spend the morning fishing with 4 ΣN freshman at Greek Summit that will hopefully be part of the spiritual future of the chapter in the Fall of 2016



We had 120 Greeks do a Greek wide morning prayer walk. Here they are in front of the ΣN house.

Σ X

at

Ole Miss: 23 years of Legacy

***More than 10 of these guys gave at least one year in full time ministry and 25 have done summer missions**

Bo; Lee (pledge trainer) -pledged fall 94’
Jody (pastor); David (pledge trainer) (went on to be the director of Cru at UGA); Kevin (went on to be the director of Cru at MSU and then planted a church); Tory; Clint 95’
Ben (staff for 3 years); Jonathan (pastor); Drew D.; Scott (pledge trainer) 96’
Adam; Jay; Everet
Ned; Will; Joc (pledge trainer); Adrienne
Joel; Jeremy; Mark 03’
Michael; Wesley (interning with crusade); Bentley (interning with crusade); Alex
Tommy
Daniel –pledged fall 05’
Ben W 07’
Hugh; Preston 12’
Drew; Ty; Joseph; Conner; Reid 14’
Ramsey; Demetrius 15’

Bo, as I mentioned earlier is considered by me to be the spiritual granddad of what the Lord has been doing in the ΣX house over the past 12 years. He is in the very middle front row. Lee is to his right. Lee was pledge trainer and helped a lot. They both spent summers in Romania with Crusade. David Brown (front row: right) was a ΣX that I had discipled at Auburn. I recruited him to come help me at Ole Miss.

Jody, Clint; and David. Jody and David came to Christ during their sophomore year. Clint led Kevin to Christ. Jody is now a pastor and David went on to be the director at UGA, then southeast regional director and currently lives in New York city helping provide leadership over the Cru ministry there.

Kevin trusted Christ with Clint. I married him and Missy in Colorado. He went on to be the Cru director at MSU and then help plant a church.

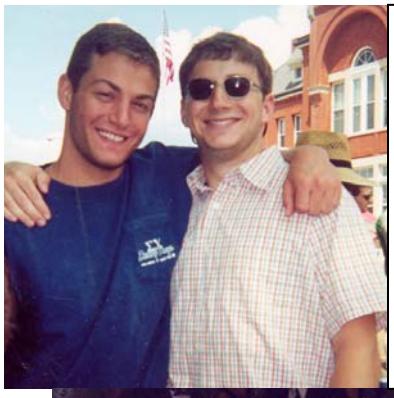
Jim and Angela Davis

I have to take a side step and mention this: Kevin went on to serve with Cru at FSU and later led the Cru ministry at MSU. While he was at FSU, he ministered in the ΣX house and led the president to Christ. His name is Jim Davis. Jim went on to minister in Italy and met one of our DG girls and I performed their wedding. Jim went with Kevin to MSU and ministered on staff with Cru for 10 years. Now he is one of my pastors in my church in Oxford MS. He has been a great friend and I am so thankful for Kevin's obedience to go minister to Greeks at FSU.!

Five of these 6 ΣX's did summer projects with Crusade. Bo's little brother, Adam, is second from right.

Top row (L to R) Scott Marshall, Everett White, Erin Riley.
Bottom row (L to R) Ned Wikle, James Whitney Rawlings, Ben Brewer, David Robbins, Joe Bell.
All these ΣX's were involved in the chapter in some way in ministry

(L to R) Ned Wikle, Scott Marshall, Drew Dickey
Scott had an impact on the other two. He served as pledge trainer and was a huge leader in the house.



Will and Ben. Ben trusted Christ through David Robbins influence. Ben went on staff with Crusade for two years. Will was active in working with pledges.

Ben Brewer's wedding. All these guys were involved in ministry in the chapter. They are singing the sweet heart song to Ben's wife.

L to R: Taylor, Ned, Will, and Scott at Greek Summit.

Jeremy, Bentley, and Joel. I met Jeremy and Joel as freshman and they were very involved with Sigma Chi all through college. Joel spent two summers doing ministry in Pisa, Italy and attended the Greek summit. He and his wife Kitty have been on staff 10+ years and currently are the directors of Cru at Ole Miss. Jeremy is working with a youth group at a church.

Mark, on the left, trusted Christ in college and was a faithful man!

Bentley and Wesley. Wesley helped lead Bentley to Christ several years ago in the house. They both interned with Cru for a year at Ole Miss and will be working back in the Sigma Chi house! Bentley went on to marry a girl involved with Cru and became a pastor and Wesley is a doctor.

This is Tommy leading worship at Greek summit last summer. He just attended a full summer project with Crusade so I am looking forward to seeing how he is going to minister in the chapter this year.

Alex at one of the active studies. He attended Greek Summit and really caught the idea of discipleship.

ΣX and ΔΔΔ coed freshman study. ΣX has been in a coed study with another sorority at least 23 years in a row.

I wrote an article a few years ago entitles, Would Jesus have joined a Fraternity? Over 54,000 people would read it within the first few weeks of it being on line. Demetrius was not sure if he should go to Ole Miss because it has such a big frat system and he really wants to live for Christ in college so he googled if Jesus would have joined a fraternity. He ended up going to Ole Miss and is now a ΣX!

Preston was the pledge trainer over last Fall. Since I am the advisor over pledgeship, we spent a lot of time together. The first time we met to talk about the pledge program, he asked me to tell my story of how I came to know the Lord. At the time he was some what of an atheist. Over the next few weeks and several conversations with myself and other sigs, Preston surrendered his life to the Lord and became a great friend. Because of him I was able to share the Gospel with the pledge class at least 8 times.

Sig bible study on the back deck this past Spring.

We had 58 students go to Puerto Rico this past spring break. 11 of them were Sigs.

A student organized a Greek wide prayer walk. 120 Greeks showed up and many of them are here praying over the ΣX house

One of our first weekly meetings of the year. Our ministry is at least 95 percent Greek. We challenge our older Greeks to get younger Greeks involved.

Chapter 4
Making Wise Choices

Several years ago when talking with one of my key Sigma Chi leaders, Clint McCullough, about making good choices in life, he said something I will never forget. He said that there is a big difference between a smart man and a wise man. A smart man learns from his own mistakes, but a wise man learns from the mistakes of others. I want to be a wise

man! I am tired of making my own mistakes from which to learn.

In this chapter, I want to share with you some of the choices I decided to make during my junior and senior year. It would have been easy to avoid any of these choices, but making them led to some of the most fruitful years of my life.

I did not have a perfect senior year, but it was definitely an exciting one when I trusted the Lord to do some great things in my chapter–and He did!

Live in the fraternity house
I know this does not apply to everyone because your chapter may not have a house or there may be limited housing within your house, but if you can, I think it is to your advantage to move into the house.

As I mentioned earlier, I lived in my fraternity house as a pledge. I did not live in the house again until my senior year. I know that most seniors move as far away from the fraternity as possible, but what begins to happen is that they only drop by for an occasional meal or a party. When I chose to live in the house, *my senior year proved to be the most effective year in terms of my ministry of all my time in college!* I saw more happen in my chapter for Christ that year than in the previous three years combined. Your senior year is the year that you have the most pull in the chapter. It is the year that others respect you the most. Why not use this privilege for the Kingdom?

Pick your battles
Do not fall into the temptation of being involved in so many things in your chapter (or on campus) that you are not effective in any one thing. Pick one or two things that

you can really focus on, and spend your time investing in those things. As seen in the chapter on officers, their example provides a good job of structuring priorities and focusing on what is important.

A group of our students at the Atlanta Christmas Conference. Students usually go because someone invites them. This is often a life-changing week.

Take them with you.
If you attend Bible studies, participate in social work, or do other things, take them with you! Most of the men that I have seen go on to full time ministry or active ministry in the workplace, saw God use them in college. When someone begins to see God use them in other people's lives, it can transform their confidence and understanding of the fact that God will and can use them!

A few guys pose while doing Hurricane Katrina relief work down on the coast.

To be a house boy or not to be—(for men only)

I helped out in the Kappa house during my sophomore and junior year, but at the beginning of my senior year, I made a decision not to be a house boy in any of the sororities. Oh, I know it sounds appealing to eat better food as well as hang out with a hundred girls, but I am a living testimony that fraternity food will not kill you as I have been eating it now for 30 years! Eat meals at your house. The men need to see you around. This is a key time for fellowship and a way to connect with the actives.

Sharing Christ with pledges

Ted Wilcox
Worldwide Challenge

I am following up with one of the pledges who had indicated that he had trusted Christ.

I chose to use my position as an active not for hazing, but for requiring the pledges to meet with me one-on-one so that I could share Christ with them. Over the years, I have only known a handful of men who made it their goal to proclaim Christ to as many pledges as possible, but this became the most rewarding experience for me while in college. I know of fraternities where three or four actives split up the entire pledge class and commit to sharing Christ with every pledge individually. When one of the actives meets with a pledge and the pledge has already met with one of the other three actives, they simply ask them how their time went with that active, but if they have not met with one of these actives, then they share Christ with that pledge.

Some chapters have name lists. I have known actives who will tell the pledges that they will sign their pledge list or pledge book if the pledge attends one pledge Bible study. I used to speak in front of each pledge class by the second pledge meeting of the year. I would share my testimony, and then have the pledges fill out 3" by 5" cards asking questions regarding their interest in spiritual things. The catch was that the pledges did not have a choice–they had to meet with me. That's not hazing–that's helping.

This is a group of freshmen cooking out in my backyard. Since my sophomore year in college, I concentrate each fall on freshmen. They will be the future leaders in your house. If I can get them to follow Christ now, they can have four or more years of influence in the chapter

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Worldwide Challenge

I am leading one of my active studies in the house. My senior guys were faithful to this study. We do some of our studies around lunch because it is more convenient for the actives.

Being faithful to Bible studies

In addition to any house or pledge study you are leading, join a small group study with committed guys who are on the same page as you. I attended a small group Bible study with a few guys who were serious about their spiritual walk and who kept me accountable. There needs to be men (for men) or women (for women) in your life who know everything about you.

Consider not getting too serious in your dating relationships

I am not saying, “Don’t date,” but do not spend so much time dating that you lack time around the men in your house. I look back and realize that I may have wasted valuable time that could have been used in ministry. I

decided, at the beginning of my senior year that I would try to concentrate most of my free time at the house.

I have never seen this lived out so well as through one of our student leaders last year at Ole Miss. William McKenzie served as pledge trainer of Sigma Nu and was responsible for close to 70 guys. He told me that he was taking time off from dating because he wanted to concentrate on his pledges and direct them to Christ. God honored William's dedication and *he saw several guys trust Christ over the course of the year.* Side note: He got back together with his then-girlfriend and I later performed their wedding!

Get involved with a local campus ministry
Although Campus Crusade was small at the University of Arkansas, it became a tremendous resource for me to get Bible study materials, good books and overall great direction in ministry. Through Crusade, I learned how to share my faith more effectively. I used to have a lot of spiritual conversations with guys in the house, but I often left confused as to whether I had said anything that would make an impact. By learning how to share my faith effectively, I began seeing guys trust Christ.

Also, the Crusade staff members at Arkansas became a great source for dynamic speakers who would come in and speak to the pledge class on various topics. They also helped supply me with Bible study ideas that helped me be more effective with the pledges.

Attend a local church regularly
Finally, I stayed committed to getting up and going to church regularly. I believe that less than 5 percent of Ole Miss students attend church while they are at school. It was no different when I was at Arkansas. Attending a local

church is essential to helping you get the kind of spiritual food you need to leave a legacy that will far outlast your four years in college.

Build friendships with non-Christians

In the next chapter, my wife, Meg, mentions that one of the reasons she was elected to vice president and then president of Chi Omega is a result of the time she spent building friendships with non-Christians. Sometimes it is so easy to spend all your time with the other Christians in your chapter. Step out of your comfort zone.

I once heard a Baptist preacher say that if all there was to life was coming to know Christ and waiting for heaven, then when we were baptized we should just ask the preacher to hold our head under the water. This was a humorous but true indictment against Christians who form a "holy huddle" and do nothing to reach out to the lost around them.

God has you in your chapter for a reason. You may think you got in your particular chapter because you knew the right people or because you look a certain way, but I believe that if you are a Christian, then God placed you supernaturally in your chapter to make an eternal difference in the lives of certain individuals He leads your way. I call them divine appointments and urge you to begin praying specifically for them.

As I mentioned earlier, I lived in the house my senior year and with that came the opportunity to hang out and get to know a lot of the younger actives. One of these men was Jim Landsaw. Jim and I had become good friends, and I had just decided that it was about time to sit down and share Christ with him when one day he came into my room and asked if we could talk. He told me that he had just

gotten some bad news over the weekend. One of his friends had died in a car wreck.

We talked a while and then I asked Jim if he had thought much about where he would be right now if he would have died in that car. He answered by saying that he had been thinking a lot about it, so I decided that then was the time to share Christ with him. Jim ended up accepting Christ right there on my couch. He became faithful in everything we did in the house. He later would join staff with Campus Crusade and worked for a few years with Greeks at Clemson University.

Don't Just Lead "By Example"

Think about it this way. If all you do is stay involved with your house and "act" like a good Christian without actively sharing your faith with others; what will the actives in your chapter think they need to do in order to get to heaven? Most likely they will be left to assume that all they need to do is be "good" like you, and then they will receive their ticket to heaven when they die. Keep them from living a life of frustration and exhaustion.

It is crucial that we share our faith. If you discovered a cure for an incurable disease would you keep it to yourself? No, you would want to share it with as many people as possible.

Two great evangelists, Billy Graham and Bill Bright, said that only two to four percent of Christians are experiencing the abundant life. Defined as walking in the power of the Holy Spirit and making Christ known to others, very few people are actively making Christ known in the Greek systems. In the appendix on evangelism, I offer some sample evangelistic questions that I use when meeting with students.

Making Christ Lord of your life
In order to see God use you in the lives of others as you take the initiative to share Him with others, it is critical that you live a life that reflects what you say. 2 Chronicles 16: 9 says, "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."

I want to be one of those people whom the Lord strongly supports! I want to be living my life in such a way that when God wants to use someone to accomplish something big, He will use me.

17 of these students are Greek leaders back in their chapters

Chapter 5
Leaving a Legacy as an Officer

***Several of these staff and students have long graduated from their campuses or left staff but I wanted to leave this content in the book because the principles they were implementing are timeless in ministering to Greeks!**

Bill Boldt is the campus director for Cru at Auburn University. I was once in a meeting where he was speaking to a group of Greeks about leaving a legacy in their chapter

that would outlast their time in college. He used an example that has been implanted into my mind indefinitely. Bill said that when you look around the walls of a fraternity house, one of the things that always seems to catch your eye is the composite pictures.

These composites are usually hanging on the walls of the house displaying countless faces of past pledge classes. Bill mentioned that one day, while working down in the basement of his fraternity house, he saw a huge stack of old composites. He soon realized that as a new composite was added to the wall upstairs, the oldest composite on that wall would be taken downstairs and left to gather dust. At that moment Bill realized that if he did nothing but pay dues, go to chapter and eat at the house, the only evidence of him being in that chapter would be his little picture on that composite in the basement.

How will you be remembered in years to come?
Will you begin a legacy that will outlast you?

In the next several pages, you are going to hear from several different officers from several different campuses. I had them share what their current goals and desires were for their chapter. I asked the officers, who are just finishing their office, if they would share what they might have done differently.

I decided to divide up these interviews first with men, followed by women. I think each officer provides a unique perspective. I hope their ideas and character will challenge you to trust God to lead you as you potentially have an opportunity to lead others in your chapter.

Advice From Officers –Men

When my wife and I moved to Oxford, Mississippi over eight years ago, we knew we were coming to a campus with not only a huge Greek system but one with a reputation for being a party school. However, during our time at Ole Miss, we have seen God do amazing things on this campus. Hundreds of Greeks are now involved in Bible studies around the campus as opposed to only a few when we first arrived. I want to let you hear from some of the current and past leaders who have had or are having a significant influence on this campus.

There is one particular fraternity on our campus that is not only one of the most popular ones, but also one that is booming spiritually. Over the years actives have divided up the pledge class and made sure each pledge heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. A lot of this success can be attributed to these Godly pledge trainers who have supported the idea of ministering to their pledge classes.

David Robbins was one of the first guys that I can remember who ran for pledge trainer solely to make a difference for Christ with several guys. After he graduated, he decided to join staff, and as I mentioned earlier, is still on staff with Cru. David was one of the sharpest students I have had the honor of working with in my thirteen years of ministry. He became involved with Cru around his sophomore year, and was the kind of guy who was known and respected by everyone on campus. I asked him some of his thoughts on being a leader in the Sigma Chi house.

Here is some advice he suggested for all those considering being an officer in their chapter: “During my junior year, I realized that although I was involved in many things on campus, I was not having a deep significant impact anywhere. This is about the time that I realized that by

focusing on a specific group of people, I could make the biggest difference." It was around this time that David decided to run for pledge trainer of Sigma Chi. David could have had any position in his house but felt that being pledge trainer would be an effective tool in reaching younger men for Christ. After accepting the position, he soon realized that if he was not careful he would have spent most of his time handling details and not working with people. Here are some things he decided to do:

David would delegate the lesser things so he would be freed up to do more significant things. David chose a group of guys who were committed to helping him in the details so he could concentrate on meeting with guys and talking with them about spiritual things. This was a top priority to him.

Secondly, David set three or four main goals that were non-negotiable. During David's pledgeship, one of his brothers had been killed in a car wreck and David did not know where he stood spiritually. This motivated David to make sure each of the pledges got to hear a clear presentation of the gospel one-on-one. This was non-negotiable.

You can share Christ with the whole group but it is essential that you, and others, sit down and share with pledges one-on-one. It has been my experience that few students come to know Christ through large group outreaches or meetings. Although large group meetings allow for greater exposure of the gospel, remember that the best results will come from following up men and women one-on-one.

David also decided that he wanted each pledge to have an opportunity to hear the gospel one-on-one. He challenged three other actives to help him commit to meeting with

each of the 63 pledges and sharing Christ with each pledge. They did this early in the pledgeship to give them ample time to meet with each pledge.

Finally, David took advantage of special events like pledge retreat. This was important because it got the pledges away from campus to a place where he could have their undivided attention. He also used pledge initiation as a time to challenge pledges to think about their spiritual life. Most fraternities have a spiritual basis–use this to remind them of what the fraternity is really about.

David felt that it was important to continue to hang out with the pledges on their turf, spending time with them outside of regular meeting times. Building friendships with these younger guys was crucial. During this time, he began to disciple a younger Sigma Chi named Scott Marshall. Scott would later respond to David's example and run for pledge trainer with the goal of carrying on David's legacy.

Scott applied many of the same concepts he had learned from David. When I asked him about his position he responded with the advice that, "Since he knew that these pledges were watching his every move, he did everything he could to earn and keep their respect." David tried to live his life in such a way that they would respect his walk.

And the legacy continues. A junior by the name of Joc Bell went on to accepted the position of pledge trainer the next fall, and went on to accomplish many of the same things that David and Scott did. He had just taken over the position and now has 72 new pledges to lead. When I asked him about his goals for the pledges he told me that in addition to following in the footsteps of David and Scott, Joc wants to help the pledges fully understand the true meaning of what the fraternity was founded on. Joc also

wants the pledges to attend a coed pledge study, bring in David to speak, and ultimately hopes to make Christ known to the pledges. The legacy in the Sigma Chi house has truly been amazing and I look forward to seeing how God is going to bless this fraternity in the future.

Brad Batte is a junior at Ole Miss and is currently the assistant pledge trainer in Kappa Alpha. I recently talked with Brad about several of his goals for the pledge class this fall. He is in charge of fifty pledges. Here is what Brad plans on doing over the course of the fall:

1. Brad will meet with each of the pledges and share Christ with them. Brad said that no one did that for him when he pledged and he wants to let these guys know that he cares about them and feels that this is the best way to show them. He also wants to eat lunch with as many of the pledges as possible and get to know them as friends.
2. He is helping lead a coed Bible study with Tri Delt. The Bible study will last five weeks and then split. The pledges are required to come to the first meeting, and then the choice is left up to them as whether to continue. Brad thinks that many pledges will continue to come because of the girl factor. He also recruited two male leaders and two women leaders who will take turns giving their testimony each week to start off the Bible study.
3. Brad will be bringing in different speakers each week to talk with the pledges.
4. He plans on collaborating with other fraternities on campus, requiring each of their pledges to come to at least one crusade meeting. I am positive that several of these guys will end up getting involved with Crusade as a result.
5. Each fall, we ask all the pledge classes to come together at one of the sororities and my wife and I

speak on “Making Relationships Last”. The idea is to expose the entire freshman pledge class to something that will spark their curiosity on a deeper level. Some campuses do “Four House Parties” which have two sororities and two fraternities come together and listen to a talk on relationships.

Alan McCormick is a senior at Ole Miss and is the Chaplain of Kappa Sig as well as pledge trainer. Alan is now in charge of 78 pledges. He decided to take on both of these roles because he cares a lot about his chapter and wants to influence as many guys as possible. By serving as Chaplain, Alan hopes to influence a few actives who will in turn influence a few more actives with the idea that there will always be men that are walking with God because he stepped up and pointed others in that direction.

I talked with Alan about some of his goals for the pledges and his goals were very similar to Brad’s with a few modifications. Here is his plan:

1. He plans to take advantage of the Crusade staff as a resource. He wants a staff member to come speak to his pledges on time management as well as help lead an active study. His pledges will then join in with our team when we speak in front of the entire freshmen Greek class about making relationships last.
2. He plans on starting a four to five week coed study with the Phi Mu’s. He plans to require the pledges to come to the first study and then allow them the choice of coming back.
3. He wants to meet with as many pledges as he can one-on-one and ask them about the spiritual side of their life. He hopes to ask them questions like, “If you were to die tonight, on a scale of 0 to 100, how sure would you be that you would go to heaven?”

If the pledge has little assurance, he hopes to share with him.

4. Finally, he plans on taking the pledges to church as a pledge class at least once a month. Each month they will attend a different church to expose the guys to a variety of sound teaching.

Chris Musgrove served as the Pike President at Auburn University during his junior year. I have had the privilege of seeing God work in Chris's life to the point that he has a deep desire to see God change lives in his fraternity. Here are a few ideas he is implementing:

1. He is currently leading an active study and helps provide leadership with a coed pledge study.
2. His desire is that each pledge would hear a clear presentation of the Gospel while pledging Pike. He hopes that by being active in chapter and being available for the guys, he will be in a good position to mediate when a tragedy hits the campus or nation.
3. His hope is that as the fraternity grows spiritually, guys will be encouraged through pledgeship as opposed to being drained from the entire process.
4. He also helps bring together two to three guys from each of the chapters around them for fellowship in a small group Bible study.

Matt Wilcox served as pledge trainer for Sigma Chi pledge at Florida State University. Matt is hoping to continue to minimize hazing in his house while teaching the pledges the true ideals of the fraternity. Interestingly enough, most fraternity rituals can be a great resource in directing the actives towards Christ. Some rituals are so devoted to the Bible that you can do devotionals in your chapter just by referring to your ritual.

Matt takes advantage of the Crusade staff and has them involved in following up the pledges in order to share Christ with them.

Advice From Officers –Women

Doty Wohrman recently finished her term as president of Delta Gamma here at Ole Miss. She has also served as pledge trainer. Thanks to the influence of Doty and other Delta Gamma's who have gone before her, there are currently four different Bible studies going on in her chapter!

I asked her about her time as president and pledge trainer. I was eager to hear what she had been able to accomplish as a Christian leader and what she would have done differently if she was given the opportunity again. Here is what she had to say:

1. Doty is now leading a freshman women's study. When she was a freshman, older girls had invested in her and she now wants to do the same. She is focusing on current topics and issues the girls deal with throughout life. She starts with basic issues and gradually delves deeper into the Bible. Doty wishes she had even done a freshman study last year and suggests leading studies as soon as you feel ready.
2. There are plans to invite the Phi Delt pledges over for a freshman coed study at their house. By asking her more committed freshman girls to reach out and bring new girls to the coed study, hopefully more men and women will feel welcome.
3. Doty, along with other girls, join together once a week to pray for the freshman class. They meet each Tuesday morning to pray and continue to pray regularly for the house.

4. More than anything, Doty strives to live a consistent life that would attract other girls to Christ and plans to give her testimony in front of the chapter before her term as president is finished.
5. During the fall, we invite all the freshman pledge classes to come together to hear my wife and I speak on marriage. The group is so big that we divide them into two smaller groups. Doty hosted half of the freshman at the Delta Gamma house and did a good job of getting the girls to the meeting.
6. Last fall, Doty encouraged the entire chapter to attend a campus wide outreach Campus Crusade hosted along with several other ministries. As a result, several girls came to know Christ.

Shelley Lee served as pledge educator for Chi Omega at Mississippi State University. She had the privilege of working with 65 girls. Here are some of the things she tried to accomplish during her term:

1. One of Shelley's main goals was to meet with all the pledges to see where they were spiritually. She would try to schedule lunch appointments with a few girls at a time.
2. If they were Christians, she challenged them to adjust their way of thinking from that of being in a sorority for social reasons to that of being in a sorority for ministry reasons. She, of course, wanted the girls to be very active but to serve with a purpose.
3. Shelley hung out at the dorms a lot and tried to make herself available as much as possible.
4. Shelley helped put together a five-house swap and passed out comment cards in order to follow up with as many of the pledges as they could.

What she would have done differently:

1. Shelley says that if she could have done it over again, she would have tried to motivate the older Christians living in the house to help meet with other pledges to help her see where they were spiritually.
2. She also thinks that the content of the pledge study was too deep for non-Christians and ended up having mainly Christians attend. She suggests trying out the Song of Solomon tape series led by Tom Nelson (see appendix A).

Suzanne Carlisle is pledge educator at the University of Alabama. Although there has been little real Christian influence in her sorority in the past, things are now changing. Here is why:

1. Suzanne helped start a freshman Bible study last year that is still active. Now the girls from the study are helping disciple the younger girls and passing on vision for their house.
2. This year they are having a pledge study with the Kappa Delta pledge class.
3. They are also hoping to lead a Song of Solomon video Bible study with the upperclassmen.
4. Suzanne hopes to get many of the girls involved with Crusade so that they can see the "bigger picture" of God working on their campus.
5. She plans on having Crusade staff come to her pledge meetings and share with her girls. She also hopes to go on appointments with staff members in order to learn more about how to share her faith.

When I first started working with Cru at Auburn University, it was not long before I met a sharp leader in the Chi Omega dorm. Meg Gray was active within Campus Crusade but she was also a respected leader within Chi Omega. During her involvement with Chi Omega, she

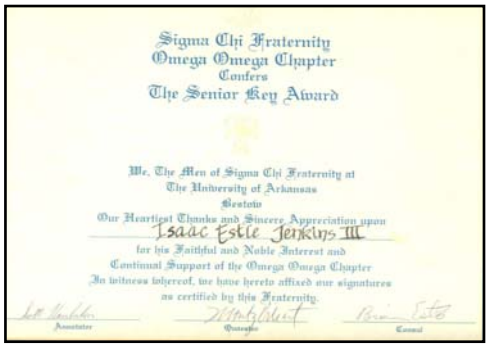
served as model pledge, vice president and finally president her senior year. I asked her to comment on some of the things she did as a leader in order to influence her chapter. Here were some of her thoughts:

1. Meg believes that one of the main reasons she was elected president was that she always tried to have a balance between having Christian friends and non-Christian friends. Statistics show that when a person becomes a Christian, within two years, they alienate themselves from most of their non-Christian friends. Meg feels that you should try to develop healthy relationships with non-Christians as well as Christians. If all you do is hang out with Christians then there is really no need to be active, and this is why most Christian Greeks go inactive as they get older. They have no vision for outreach in their chapter.
2. Meg began to realize that she might never have another opportunity where she would be able to influence so many girls for Christ. She tried to stay as active as she could and lived in the Chi Omega dorm.

I respected Meg's dedication to help out younger girls as well as live a consistent spiritual walk. I decided that she needed to keep ministering full-time with girls and I figured that I could help her out by marrying her! We have together enjoyed working with Greeks ever since.

Do I need to hold a position in my house in order to have an influence? When I was at Arkansas, we did not even have the position of Chaplain so it was not an option for me. I actually never held any "position" during my four years but what was important was that I was active. I either lived in the house or next door to the house all four years. At times I doubted whether I was having an influence or making a difference but toward the end of my senior year I

was awarded the “senior key,” an award that goes to the most active member in the chapter. Usually this is someone who holds multiple offices and is generally respected by the chapter as a faithful active. This became one of my most cherished awards in college because it was my proof that I actually was making a difference.

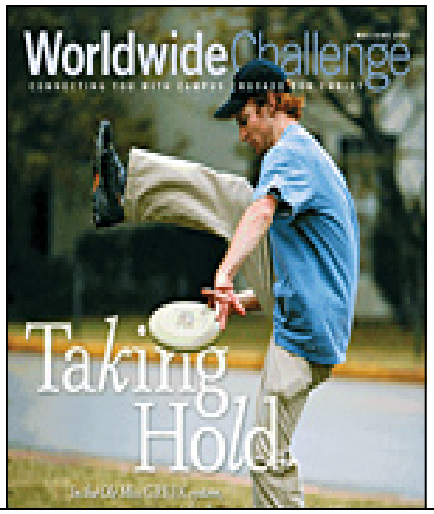


Sigma Chi Fraternity
Omega Omega Chapter
Confers
The Senior Key Award

We, The Men of Sigma Chi Fraternity at
The University of Arkansas
Bestow
Our Heartiest Thanks and Sincere Appreciation upon
Isaac Estle Jenkins III
for his Faithful and Noble Interest and
Continual Support of the Omega Omega Chapter
In witness whereof, we have hereto affixed our signatures
as certified by this Fraternity.

As a leader, it can be easy to want to control a lot of things. Learn to pick your battles. Remember, 20% of the actives will always like your ideas, 20% will never like your ideas, and the remaining 60% will be influenced. Do not take things too personally–focus on the two or three things you are trying to accomplish as an officer, and do not let the smaller issues and details distract you from your main purposes, influencing people for eternity.

Dawson Trotman is the founder of Navigators, an extremely effective ministry in discipling people in Christian principles. Dawson once said that there are only three things that are going to last: God, His Word and the souls of men. These three things should influence all that we do.



This is one of our Ole miss PIKE's, Daniel Trodder, who was featured on Crusades national magazine. Last year he shared his testimony individually with every pledge

Chapter 6
Beginning a Greek Ministry

Beginning a Ministry in Your Chapter

I once knew a Campus Crusade staff member who had just been placed on a major university and was excited about doing Greek ministry. He had been in a fraternity in college and his chapter was on this campus. He felt that this chapter would be a good starting point. He walked into the house, met with the president and shared Christ with him on the first appointment. The only problem was that the president was Jewish and was offended by the conversation. The

news spread down the chain of command in the fraternity, and my friend had the doors close in that house with just one appointment. It would take several years before he could slowly make his way into the house again.

What did my friend do wrong? I commend his boldness, but you have to move slowly. My rule of thumb is to befriend the actives, but share Christ with the pledges. I think this same rule can apply for you in your house. I reserved my evangelism with the actives to small group Bible studies and during devotionals in Chapter. I tried to follow up with every guy who attended a Bible study, and if anyone came up to me after a devotional, I assumed it might be a divine appointment so I would try to meet with the active the next day to discuss spiritual things.

I'll share about how I present Christ to actives as well as pledges in the chapter on evangelism.

Getting started

How do you start? I would start with the pledge class. Let's say you are in a sorority. I would start by asking the girls which fraternity pledge class they would like to invite over for a coed study. Always have the coed study at the sorority because guys do not mind coming to a sorority house while some girls feel intimidated walking into a fraternity.

Getting in front of the pledge class

Once a fraternity commits, try and announce the Bible study at the second pledge meeting. I would also try to start it the day after the pledge meeting. This way it is fresh on their minds. Announce ahead of time that the study will have a definite starting and stopping point–maybe four or

five weeks. Then you can split the studies into two smaller groups of guys and girls. The guy's study can then meet back at their house.

I also like to have the sorority host the study. I would have a few girls come over to the guy's pledge meeting and invite them to the study–that is, if you already have connections into the house.

If you are working with freshmen who do not have a chapter room to hold a meeting, the dorm is just fine. My wife was a Chi-O at Auburn and they were not allowed to have houses so she had to minister to girls in the 'Chi-O dorm', the key is finding a place where they will feel comfortable.

*In the next section, I will walk you through exactly how I follow up each pledge, so you might have an opportunity to share Christ with them.

Remember: The longer it takes you to get the study started after you introduce yourself to them, the less likely it is guys will come to the first Bible study. You may want to pass out cards and find out who is interested in the study. Here is a breakdown of what I would do at the pledge meeting:

1. I may give a talk on one of the subjects listed in the next couple of pages.
2. Then as I close, I mention the discussion group (Bible study). I give a few details as to what sorority wants to join us and what topics we will be discussing.
3. I pass out comment cards and have each of them put their name, phone number and any comments or questions about the Bible study. This is also a good

time to ask if they have any spiritual questions that they want answered.

4. I announce the first Bible study time, which should be on that same week if at all possible.
5. I follow up the cards in “most interested” order.

One subject that I like to speak to freshman about is what I call “Being a Well-Rounded Student.” This is a basic talk that emphasizes being balanced in the physical, social, academic and spiritual areas of one’s life. I mention a little about each area and explain that it was only when I started working on the spiritual areas in my life that I began to experience true joy and happiness. This talk can allow you a good opportunity to close with spiritual questions that you can have them answer on a comment card. I like to ask questions like: On a scale of 0 to 100, how interested are you in growing in the spiritual area of your life?

If I can tell from the comment cards that a guy is a believer and is interested in what I want to do, I call him that night. I ask him to join me for lunch and then I share my vision for his house. I listen to him, find out his spiritual interest, and then I usually share some of the discipleship principles. *(See chapter on discipleship). I explain that the study will be geared to the young Christian or non-Christian. If he has a few other pledge brothers who he believes are solid, I suggest the idea of us meeting for another Bible study in one of their rooms where we can go a little deeper in the Word. A solid guy in a pledge class is a gem, and I don’t want to lose him. If he comes to the study but feels unchallenged, he may go and find something else.

I used to share the Gospel in my talks but now I reserve evangelism for my small groups. Feel free to share your testimony and use it to outline exactly how you became a Christian but I will add that I have seen very few guys trust

Christ through large group pledge meetings. It is just not a safe place for them to let down their guard. Almost all of the men who trust Christ with me do it in a one-on-one or one-on-two environment.

Starting a Bible study: Freshmen

I have found that the best times for a new Bible study dealing primarily with freshmen is usually one hour before dinner on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. You can do one on Thursday but people are usually beginning to think about the weekend. At Ole Miss, the weekend begins around Thursday afternoon. Remember, you want to attract the lost and so you need to make the Bible study at the best time for them.

As I mentioned earlier, I usually like to do coed Bible studies for only around four weeks and then divide the group. I know that coed cell groups may work for longer periods of time with older students but I prefer to split freshmen up soon so we can grow together on our own. It is also ideal for a guy and a girl to co-lead the Bible study. As soon as the study splits, the two leaders will be the natural leaders of the new separate studies. Men seem to open up more as they are away from the women and have time to grow together in their walks with God, and the same goes for the women.

People often ask me what new Bible study is available to use with Greeks, but I believe that there is really no "magic" study that is "THE" answer. Campus Crusade, as well as your local Christian bookstore, is full of good ideas. Some of the best studies I have ever led are simply studies where I have walked a group through a book that *they* were interested in. The key is to show them that you are *authentic*! They are not looking for a bunch of how to's or

how not to's, but instead they want to see that you care about them and that you are not perfect. We need to be completely open about ourselves in order for them to open up to us.

Wesley is helping lead the discussion in one of the ΣX Bible studies

Here is what a typical series might look like for one of our coed Bible studies:

1. **Bible study on dating (see appendix A).**
2. **Bible study on "What makes Christianity special or unique?"**

I like to go around the room and have each person tell what denomination he or she is most closely associated. I then explain that today we are going to look at what these denominations have in common. I proceed to pass out the Four Spiritual Laws and walk them through it. This is a great way to share the Gospel or clarify the Gospel. I then plan on following up with each guy in the study and my girl leader does the same with each girl.

3. **Bible study on assurance of salvation/forgiveness of sin.**
   I like to take this study and clarify the idea that it is 0% me + 100% Jesus that gives someone salvation. Campus Crusade has several follow-ups for new believers. I like to summarize lessons two and three.
4. **Bible study on gray areas.**
   I never give my opinions. I let them come up with several gray areas and then look at the passages of scripture that help us make healthy choices. I want them to start seeing that the Bible can apply to all areas of life. Romans 14 and 1 Corinthians 8 can give them great guidelines for choices.
5. **Cook out at one of the student's houses or at our house (optional).**

These are by no means the only Bible studies we present. Because most of the students in the south have some sort of church background, we can get by with jumping to the Gospel a little sooner. You may want to wait until the fourth study to share the Gospel. The key is to be creative and come up with your own schedule.

Starting a Bible Study: Upper Classmen

One thing for sure is that, as a whole, today's students seem to know little about the Bible. Some of my best studies can

be when I simply walk a few guys through a book of the Bible together. We may buy a Bible study at the local Christian bookstore to go along with it. I like to balance my studies with a little outside reading, Bible reading, prayer and scripture memory. I know that students are busy but books like: Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman and Disciples Are Made Not Born by Walter A. Henrichsen are great books that have shaped my thoughts on how I do ministry.

As my active study grows, I begin to challenge some of the guys to take the role of leading the pledge study. Also, I have studies inside the fraternity house if at all possible because more guys are likely to "stumble" upon the study and want to join us. I like to follow up every new guy who comes to the study. I will introduce myself after the study and ask if he wants to get together so that I can answer any questions he has about the study. I try to take along my most faithful active as well so he will get to observe me sharing my faith. I hope that he will do the same one day with other pledges.

I tell the guys in my active studies that I hope they will grow as a result of the study but I warn them that I am not into "dead end" studies. What I mean by this and explain to them is that I expect them to impart these things to others and that I plan on some of them taking turns to lead the active study as well as the pledge study. I love to continually challenge men to step out of their comfort zones.

Here I am presenting the Four Spiritual Laws (also called Knowing God Personally) to a group of Sigma Chi and Chi Omega pledges

Chapter 7
Evangelism with Greeks

Several years ago, after speaking one night at one of our weekly Crusade meetings, a sophomore Sigma Nu came up and asked me if we could talk. His name was Tommy Tosh. During his pledge semester, the pledge trainer had brought the entire pledge class to one of our weekly meetings, and Tommy enjoyed it so much that he kept coming back. We try to have most of our big houses require their pledge classes to attend our meetings at least once during pledgeship.

Tommy was such a nice guy that I, along with my Sigma Nu Crusade leaders, had assumed that he was a Christian. We met the next day for lunch and I was taken by surprise by what Tommy shared with me. He said that he was attending the school he had always wanted to attend, had joined the fraternity he wanted, was dating the girl he wanted but that he was extremely unhappy. He said that he would wake up in the morning and not want to get out of bed.

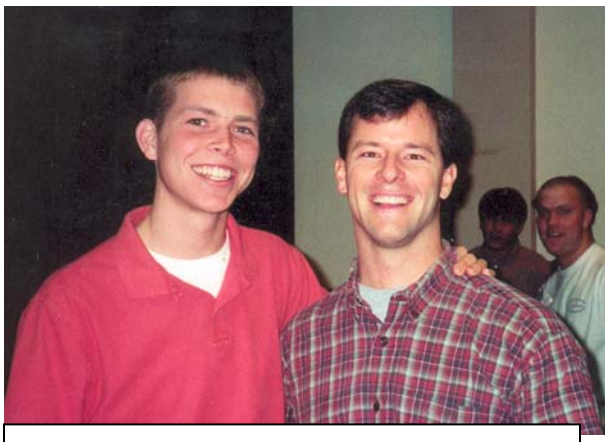
I responded with two questions, known as the "Kennedy questions", which I always ask a guy when I meet with him for the first time. I asked, "Tommy, based on your church background, on a scale of 0 to 100, if you were to die tonight, how sure would you be that you would go to heaven?" Tommy was very unsure so I went on to ask a second question, assuring him that it was purely a hypothetical question, but that his answer would help me know how to help him. I asked, "If you were to die and stand before God and He were to ask you, 'Why should I let you into my Kingdom?' What would you say?" Tommy was equally unsure about how to respond to this question so I proceeded to share with him the Four Spiritual Laws by Dr. Bill Bright.

At the conclusion of our discussion, he said that he needed to think about all that I had shared with him. I gave him a ride over to one of the sorority houses where he was going to houseboy and I left him with one more question. "Who are you trusting to get you into heaven?" I told Tommy that I would love to talk again and planned another time to get together. Well, Tommy later told me that he went to talk to his pastor that same day and after his pastor confirmed everything we had discussed, Tommy left the pastor's office, walked into the sanctuary and prayed to

receive Christ. Tommy would grow to be one of my most faithful leaders in Crusade.

One day we met for lunch and Tommy informed me that he had decided to go on staff with Campus Crusade, and that he had stayed up until 2 a.m. the previous night making a list of all the people he felt would support him. I was excited for him and told him we would need to start meeting a little more with actives and pledges so that he would have the training necessary to be effective on staff. That Wednesday we shared with two different Sigma Nu's and made plans to share with a few more the next week.

But things quickly changed. Two days later, while riding in a car to an out-of- town football game with some of our other senior leaders, Tommy was involved in a serious car wreck where he was thrown from the car and killed. His death affected the campus in a way I could have never imagined. God glorified Himself through one of His children.



Tommy and I after one of our meetings. He became one of my most faithful guys and a good friend.

We, as a ministry, were deeply saddened. However, I had such peace knowing that now Tommy was experiencing firsthand the joy of being in the presence of the Lord, but I would miss his friendship.

Our Greek leaders responded by sharing Christ with their fellow peers all over the Greek system. Students stood up and shared Christ in front of their entire chapter. Within a few weeks, we heard of more than 30 students who placed their faith in Christ as a result of Tommy's life and death. Before Tommy died, he wrote out his spiritual goals and one of them was to lead Sigma Nu's to Christ. I read this to the entire chapter as I had the opportunity to stand before them and talk about Tommy.

Tommy had also obtained 80 copies of More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell. He had planned on handing them out to each of the pledges requiring them to read it. We ran with this idea and in one afternoon, our students came together and handed out 6,000 copies of the same book to the campus. They would later hand out another 2,000 copies.

Josh McDowell found out about the movement happening on campus and offered to come to Ole Miss. We only had around three weeks to promote him. We simply advertised, "Come out and hear the author of the book Tommy wanted to give to his pledges." We did not say what Josh would be speaking about, yet we had around 4,000 people assemble at the coliseum to hear Josh! What was equally amazing was that a majority of these students were Greeks! Almost the entire Greek system attended in honor of Tommy Tosh.

I had a copy of Tommy's testimony on video and we played it on a big screen at the conclusion of Josh's talk. When it came time to fill out the comment cards, I asked Josh to specifically have the students write out if they had received Christ. I wanted to make sure these students were serious. We did not have enough pencils or cards to go around and yet more than 220 students wrote out, "I prayed to receive Christ tonight."

Around 2,500 Ole Miss students gather for an outreach we did this past spring. The Josh outreach in memory of Tommy had 1,500 more students attend than this!

I share all this to show you what the life of one person can accomplish. This showed me once again how the Greek system is so interconnected. If you can influence one leader who is respected by others, you can influence hundreds, and in this case, thousands of students.

One more thing that must be noted—if we had not been laboring in these houses and had not developed the leaders we had, the same results may not have transpired. I heard stories of as many as 13 Kappa's, 16 Phi Delts and 13

Sigma Nu's trusting Christ. We may never see God move like this on the Ole Miss campus again, but when He does choose to work, I want to have key leaders who are confident and ready for any opportunity to make Christ known.

Evangelism with freshman

I think that I did too much evangelism my first three years on staff. You may say that you can never do too much evangelism, but I neglected to disciple the guys I was leading to Christ. As I began to rethink my strategy, I sought to balance evangelism with discipleship. I began to do more in the fall, when I had the opportunity to meet with more guys and spend time with new believers. I then used the second semester to focus on discipling the new believers.

You might say that the first semester is a time to grow your ministry and the second semester is a time to build into your ministry. This same principle applies to overall ministry on campus.

Here is how I get plenty of evangelistic contacts for the fall: once I start a coed Bible study, my goal is to meet with each of the freshman one-on-one and share Christ with them. I encourage them to invite other pledge brothers or sisters each week and I set up appointments with them as well. I meet with each guy and I have my female co-leader meet with the girls.

Of course, the best scenario is to take a guy with me, and an even better scenario is for me to work my self out of a job and allow the upperclassmen to do the study and follow-up.

I always bring my day planner with me to the study and then I pass it around to the guys and have them sign up for a time when we can meet and talk about the study. This will save you from trying to find or call guys later.

I block off the times that I am available with a pen and have them fill in their names in my open time slots. If two guys want to meet together then I will do it, but they usually will not open up as much. I like to share with them individually and then pair them up for follow-up. Also, before I walk into the study, I may talk to one of the key leaders and find out when he can come with me so that we can meet with them together.

Where to meet? Meet them at the fraternity house or in their room. Do not meet at a restaurant unless they suggest it because there are too many distractions. At a fraternity house, they are on their own turf and you can usually find a room off to the side of the main dining area to sit and talk.

Evangelism with upperclassmen

As I have mentioned before, I try to meet with every freshman and share Christ with him; but I befriend the actives. As I develop a relationship with a few guys and we begin a house study, I then begin to follow up each new active and share Christ with him. A few years ago, through the help of one Phi Delt's reaching out and inviting actives to our house study, I was able to meet with every active living in the house and share Christ with him.

Conclusion

Every once in a while, as I am meeting with students on campus, I will come across a student who will ask, "Isaac, what do you think of the subject of predestination?" What is so interesting to me is that although most of these students like to discuss issues such as these, few of them

are actually out there getting to know non-Christians and sharing their faith with them. I have seen this subject more times than not paralyze Christians from doing anything for the Kingdom. Ok, I'll admit that I hold to the reformed view and I love Calvin's works. In his book *The Institutes*, he constantly quotes Augustine. I think his best quote from Augustine on evangelism is: "Because we do not know who belongs to the number of the predestined and who do not belong, we ought to be so minded as to desire that all men be saved. So it will come about that we try to make everyone whom we meet a sharer of our peace."[2]

I may not know who the elect are but I do know that if I share my faith enough, I am going to bump into them! As a matter of fact, I specifically pray for divine appointments and I believe that is why I have seen many men trust Christ over the years. I know that there are men right now, who Christ is working on their hearts and who are ready to make a decision if only I will take the initiative to share. This gives me confidence to step into a Greek house.

2. John Calvin, The Institutes, 3.23.14.

Bentley and I discuss some what we will be doing that week in the ΣX house. He interned with me after college and is currently knocking out a seminary degree.

Chapter 8
Evangelistic Strategies

I decided to give this topic its own chapter. Some of these strategies have been done once, while others have been done every year. I hope these ideas will provide you with some ammunition in impacting your chapter for Christ.

Four-House Parties
The staff at Ole Miss began a strategy several years ago, and it has become a tradition every year with the freshmen. The strategy is simple. We invite two fraternity pledge

classes and two sorority pledge classes over to one of the sorority houses. We speak on relationships and dating. We try to do two of these so we involve eight different houses. You could bring in a speaker and do one at 8:00 p.m. and then another at 9:00 p.m. These have gone over so well at Ole Miss that now, each year, we invite half the freshmen Greeks out to one house and the other half are invited to another sorority. My wife and I will speak for approximately 30 minutes on making relationships last (See Appendix B). We expose the idea of healthy relationships as well as Crusade to almost the entire freshmen class.

The goal is not necessarily to share Christ during this time. As a matter of fact, the talk is very light. I include a lot of Biblical principles and only a few verses. The key is that we want those freshmen to leave the meeting saying that their first exposure to Crusade was positive and that they might try coming to one or our weekly meetings or Bible studies. If you are trying to build a campus-wide movement, you have to do big things to attract large groups to expose them to your ministry.

These four-house parties can be a great time to pass out comment cards if you are looking for a way to follow- up interested pledges. I would still speak in front of the pledge class in order for them to see that I am a Christian, but these events can also be a great way to help you see who is spiritually interested.

If you have very few Greeks coming to your weekly meetings, this is a great way to start what some call a contextualized ministry or multiple movement. You do a few of these four house parties then start a once a month Greek meeting. Several campuses like Florida and Florida State have seen a lot of success with this type of strategy.

The above picture was taken by one of the University of Kentucky Cru staff that successfully launched a Greek movement last Fall by hosting 2 four house parties.

Mass Outreach

We join together with seven different ministries at least once a year to do an outreach. I meet together with campus ministers and we propose a few speakers, vote on one, and then conduct an outreach. The Josh McDowell outreach was a good example. When it comes time to have the students fill out a comment card, we have a place for them to mark which ministry they are most comfortable with or associated to. Then we divide up the comment cards among the seven ministries for follow-up.

I hate to say it, but over the past eight years of doing these events, we have seen little results as far as our individual ministry is concerned. In other words, your movement will not grow by leaps and bounds as a result of an outreach like this. But, they are great for us because they expose the entire campus to the opportunity to hear about Christ and they promote unity among the ministries.

Bible studies or talks centered around an upcoming event on campus

While at Arkansas, we took advantage of things going on around campus and we even used holidays to reach out to the men. Sometimes we might bring in a speaker around Valentine's Day to speak on relationships and then have them share Christ.

One time we got the idea to announce during dinner that afterwards there would be a sort of informational Bible study on Halloween. I bought a book at the Christian bookstore, which went into great detail about the origins and history of Halloween, and used it to show the spiritual side of Halloween. Our goal was to ultimately share Christ with the actives at the study.

There was one active that attended the study named Bill Cobb. He was nicknamed by some as "Wild Bill." He later said that some of the things that were mentioned during the study really disturbed him and caused him to think deeply about spiritual issues. We had no idea that God was working on his heart. Then about a week later, he came by my room to ask me some more questions about the things that were talked about at the study. I was not in the room, but my little fraternity brother, Mark Jones, was sitting on the couch.

Mark had come to know Christ with Darren, another guy in my pledge class, who was helping me have a ministry in the house. I walked in on Mark sharing Christ with Bill, and soon Bill was praying to receive Christ! Bill immediately started coming to every Bible study in the house. He was so faithful! It was amazing to see how God could use one informational Bible study to completely change a person's life.

Ted Wilcox
Worldwide Challenge

Michael shares his testimony at the ΣX –XΩ freshman Bible Study

Coed Outreach

Several years ago, while I was working at Auburn University, a few of our Greek student leaders from Sigma Chi and Kappa Delta got together and decided to do something different as an outreach in their chapter. The Sigma Chi's invited the Kappa Delta's over for dinner. Afterwards, they were invited into the living room to ask a panel of peers any question they wanted about God and religion.

The panel consisted of two girls and two guys from each of the chapters. Each person spent some time researching a few topics like "What about the people who have never heard?" or "Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?" They used several books including Josh McDowell's Evidence That Demands a Verdict as a resource for looking up topics.

I acted as emcee and allowed anyone to ask a question and I directed it to the panel. I would also rephrase any question that sounded vague so that everyone could understand the question. The meeting was very interesting and no one got upset or out of hand. The best thing about the meeting was that we passed around comment cards to follow-up men and women who had questions.

Greg Linton was a Sigma Chi and joined us for the evening. He came up to me afterwards and mentioned that he had some questions about evolution. The next day we got together and I answered his questions and then shared Christ with him. Within a few minutes he said, "It sounds like that the key question here is not whether evolution is right or wrong but whom do I trust to get me into heaven?" Greg decided to trust Christ that day and ended up later attending seminary and now is a pastor of a church. *All of this resulted from a few students simply taking the initiative to have an outreach in their chapter!*

Here I am following up with a few KA's talking about starting an active Bible study in the KA house.

Ted Wilcox
Worldwide Challenge

Chapter 9
Discipleship with Greeks

During my first few years of walking with the Lord in my fraternity, I spread myself too thin. I was doing lots of good things with multiple guys, yet I had few disciples who could carry on the ministry after I was gone. I was sharing my faith with most of the pledges and leading Bible studies in the house, but I was not very effective.

One day, while sitting in a class, I got into a conversation with one of my good friends who is a SAE. He had recently come to know Christ and was trying to have a ministry in his chapter. He handed me a book by Robert

Coleman called The Master Plan of Evangelism. It revolutionized the way I did ministry!

The chapter on selection was particularly beneficial to me. I had never really put together that Jesus spent some time with the masses, but most of his time was spent with his disciples. He was available to the masses, but he pursued time with the 12. He selected a few and did not spread himself too thin, and these few went on to change the world.

Today, I still incorporate those basic ideas to my ongoing ministry. I spend time sowing broadly in two or three houses during the year and work in these houses for four to five years each. I also like to spend key time with just a few men in each house and try to constantly impart vision to them about what an influence they can have in their chapter.

Dead-end Bible studies

I like to start every Bible study with the end already in mind. Back when I was first leading studies in college, I led several dead-end Bible studies and did not even realize it. These are Bible studies with no real goal other than the hope that the guys learn a few things about the Bible. These types of studies are led by well-intentioned leaders but nothing much will come out of them. When the leader leaves, the study will die.

When I am beginning a house study for actives or a key discipleship study with older men in the house, I am proactive from the beginning. I may say things like this, “I hope that you will grow a lot through this study but I also want each of you to be praying about either leading this study in the future or leading the pledge study.” I will go on to ask a few questions, “When do you think you will be

ready to lead a Bible study? Will it be next semester or next fall? What do you need to be doing in your life to prepare you to lead? What do you not need to be doing in order to be qualified to lead?"

I do not want them to answer the questions right away. I want them to be thinking inwardly and realize that I am calling them out of their comfort zones. These types of questions help them examine their lifestyles and cause them to think deeply about whether or not Christ is the Lord of their lives.

Since I like to start with the basics and move deeper as we go in a Bible study, there will always be one guy in the study who thinks that we are starting out too basic for him. I tell my guys from the beginning that I want them to know the basics so well that they will be able to turn around and teach them to someone else. Also, from what I have mentioned above, by asking those sets of questions early on in the study, the guys see that I value them, that I expect big things from them, and that they will also be forced to look within and see if they are truly ready to lead others. When we meet together one-on-one, I will walk back through the questions and ask them what they are thinking. I will explain that they are the guys that are most qualified to have an impact in their chapter, and I want to help them succeed.

The 90-10 principle

My discipleship with Greek men is basic. I will share a few principles with every guy I spend time with but my underling strategy is TIME. I try to spend key time with faithful guys. I call it the 90-10 principle. I only talk about spiritual things 10% of the time and try to spend 90% of my time with guys hanging out, doing things we mutually like to do. Generally, I talk about spiritual things only in Bible

study, and in our appointments or if they want to talk to me about something. Of course, as the discipleship relationship grows, the percentage changes. By the time my key guys are seniors, we may only talk about things like football and hunting 20% of the time and ministry in their chapters 80% of the time.

Steven trusted Christ with me my first year at Ole Miss. He went on to work with a church.

As you might guess, I love applying the 90/10 principle!

Students can tell if you are only interested in checking them off or if you only see them as an object of *your* ministry. They want to see that they are valued and cared for as a friend. I try to hunt a lot with guys. I love to have guys come out and cook at my house. It is good for them to see me interact with my family and that allows us to have some hang time.

Meg loves to go walking with girls. She suggests taking a Friday afternoon to take key girls shopping. Sometimes we equate ministry with a specific appointment to talk about spiritual things–but hanging with students *is* ministry! Students are SO relational that it is essential to free your mind of the legalism of only discussing ministry and doing it in a "sit down at an appointment" time.

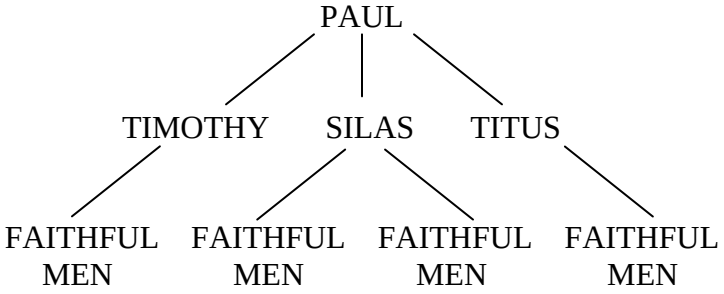
Meeting with potential disciples

Here are three things I will eventually take a guy through if we have met a few times and I know he is a Christian and has potential to be a leader in his house. I will share with him my vision for discipleship and write out just a few things on paper. Here are some examples:

1. **The II Timothy 2:2 Principle.** I like to read the verse to the guy and then draw it out on paper (Figure A). I explain that there are four generations in that one simple verse. Paul had guys like

Timothy, Titus and Silus in Bible studies and he was asking them to go out and find faithful men who would in turn find other faithful men.

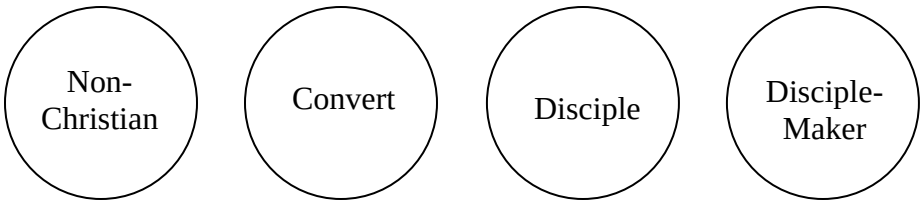
Figure A:



2. **The Disciple-maker principle:** I draw out four circles and then explain each circle (Figure B). I always say that these are not spiritual hoops that I think anyone should jump through. I tell them that I know they will influence others but I want to help them influence others for Christ. I point out that although some one have trusted Christ ten years ago but isn't growing or doing anything about it. This is what I would call a convert. A disciple is one who is reading the Word and growing in his walk. He is one who is seeking out others to help him grow as well. Once he has learned some basic principles of how to share his faith and lead a Bible study, he can be a disciple-maker. I will read to him Matthew 28:18-20. I will also ask him, "Where do you find your disciples?" Those are the first two circles. There are men all over his chapter that are in the first two circles. Once again, I know this is very simple but it helps me show a guy on paper that I am calling him to a deeper challenge–that of making Christ Lord and telling others.

Several Kappa Sigma's pose with one of my former staff Kevin (3rd from left) at one of our fall retreats. We have seen a solid legacy in that chapter

Figure B:



One key aspect of being a good Bible study leader is in discerning the spiritual maturity of your group and then challenging them to a new level. If someone is in the first circle, we want to share Christ with him. If he is in the second circle, we want to challenge him to join us in the Bible study so he can grow and mature spiritually.

3. **The Spirit Filled Life:** Sooner rather than later, I am going to want to talk to a guy about the Spirit-filled life. You can guide your disciples through Dr. Bright's booklet on the Spirit-filled life or you can read one of his books on the subject together. Oftentimes, I take a group of guys through the basic follow-up Bible studies to make sure they are equipped in the basics. Crusade has four basic follow-ups for new believers. These studies cover the subjects of assurance of salvation, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit-filled life and living a balanced Christian life. During the past 14 Greek Summits (see Appendix E), the students have said repeatedly that understanding the Spirit-filled life was one of the best things they got out of the three week project.

Jesse Jenkins (my great great grand dad) and his wife. He served with the 13 Tennessee Calvary with the USA.

John Gaddis, my great granddad in his WW1 outfit holding my granddad. John and his brother were gassed in Germany. His brother almost died from it.

My granddad John decoded Japanese code during WW2. The Japanese and Germans didn't find out until it was too late that we had cracked their codes.

Chapter 10
Taking Greeks to the Nations

Do you know what the men on this page and the last one have in common? Yes they are my relatives, but to me, what is even more amazing is that these men were willing to give their lives for their cause. They traveled all over the country and all over the world for their cause.

Students train to go out on campus in Pisa, Italy 2003.

I took this pic of 3 ΣN's from Ole Miss sharing their faith outside the law faculty at the U of Pisa.

As Christians, I believe we have an even greater reason to risk everything –even our lives – for our cause. Jesus said in John 14:7, "I am the way; the truth; and the life, no one goes to the Father but through Me." If these words are true, and I believe they are, then our "cause" is to take Christ to the nations.

Several years ago, I was looking through a list of the top 20 most popular books being purchase in the U.S. and four of the top 20 were from the *Left Behind* series written by Jenkins and Lehaye. A lot of people over the years have been fascinated about end times prophesy and hundreds of people have tried to guess when Christ is coming back.

Matthew 24 is a very prophetic chapter in the entire Bible, and I believe that verse 14 is the most important verse in that chapter. It says, "and the Gospel of this message will go forth to all the nations and then the end will come." If you look over in Revelation 5:7 and 7:5, it shows a scene of what heaven will look like. The "Gospel" is the message that Christ is the savior for the nations and the message about Him must go forth to ALL the nations, and then He will return.

I decided as a young Christian that I wanted to be a part of what is called "the Great Commission". Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 28:18-20 that they were to go make disciples of all nations.

My wife and I made a decision back in 1993. We felt that God had called us to Ole Miss. But our heart was also for the nations to hear about Christ. So we decided to go overseas as often as possible and take as many Greeks with us as would go. Here are a few pics of students:

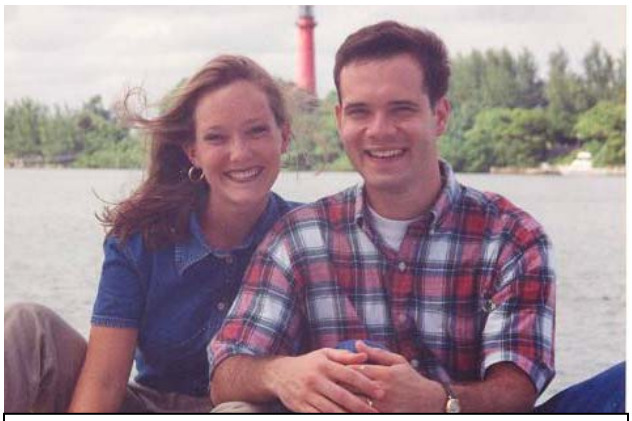
I met Pedja doing campus ministry at the U of Belgrade Yugoslavia in 91'. He trusted Christ with me and then went on staff. He came to see us in Romania one summer.

Lee Laird, a ΣX, led Dan, a U of Timisoara Romania student, to Christ.

We took 58 students to Puerto Rico on spring break 2016. 11 were ΣX mainly from Ole Miss.

Baldwin, one of my staff, and John Mark, a ΣX, are with Zac and I in front of Constantine's monument to the right of the coliseum Rome, Italy.

My staff team meeting with Hoswel, the Italian national director with Crusade in Italy. David, far left, was a ΣX who has spent summers doing missions in Romania and Italy.



Danny trusted Christ with me at Auburn. He and his wife are missionaries in the former soviet union.

Raun, middle, trusted Christ with Gordon and I back in 96'. Here he is with a few of our Romanian students. Raun took a year before entering medical to help out the ministry at the U of Pisa in Italy. He saw a student trust Christ. I got to meet him when I traveled to Italy the next year and he called me his "spiritual" granddad.

Bentley and I meet in his room discussing ministry in the ΣX house.

Ted Wilcox
Worldwide Challenge

Appendix A
Bible Study Ideas

I believe there is no real magical Bible study out there that works for every group. What I have tried to do in this section is include lots of different studies that have been used over the years. Sometimes, the best thing to do is ask your Bible study if there is any subject they are particularly interested in, and then go from there.

A good rule of thumb might be to divide your Bible study into two sections. First, spend some time in the Word. Pick a book in the Bible, and then read it together. Your local Christian bookstore will have many studies you can choose from. Next, read a book written by a respected author that

will challenge and stimulate spiritual growth. As my Bible studies deepen, I try to incorporate both into the study.

Ideas from the Web

First try www.godsquad.com. There are all kinds of studies for a variety of group settings. There are also studies for different spiritual levels. You can also use a resource called *cru.comm* from this website. It has many different types of studies. You might have to get a username and password from your staff to access some of the studies.

If you search the internet at random for Bible study ideas, you have a good chance of finding some junk out there that is not worth your time. Plus, there are studies that are not Biblically sound that can confuse you and your study.

*Remember: All these studies will require you taking time to prepare in order to see success.

Another good source is www.crosswalk.com. You can download entire passages from the Bible. If you are looking create a handout with several passages, go to this website and click on the version of the Bible you prefer. I personally recommend the NASB, NIV or the Living Bible.

As you begin to step out in faith and lead studies for the first time, it may be that no one will show up for your studies, no matter how hard you recruit. Hang in there and stay humble and you will see God bless your studies.

Video Bible Studies

Tom Nelson has a video series on relationships from the book Song of Solomon. It has been a great video for all types of coed audiences. You can order the video series by calling 817-383-3345.

Beth Moore has several video Bible studies that require outside homework. My wife says they are geared more toward a mature Christian audience because of the time required to do each lesson.

Other Resources

Appendix C has a talk/Bible study that I do in large or small groups. It is designed to help you understand the misconceptions of why people do not share their faith. It is centered on using the four spiritual laws, which is a four-point outline of the Gospel. It can be a great two-week Bible study with men and women you think are ready for the challenge.

Some of the basic types of Bible studies I have heard staff say they use are on topics such as:

2 Timothy 2:2 -The cost of discipleship
Assurance of salvation
Holy Spirit/Spirit-filled life
Prayer, the Word, and fellowship
Relationships and purity
Time management/boundaries
Gray areas (Romans 14, 1 Cor. 10, 12 and 14)
Thoughts for Young Men by J.C. Ryle

As far as equipping you to do the ministry, Bill Boldt, the Cru director at Auburn, suggests Finding Common Ground by Tim Downs. Bill feels that it is a great book for gaining insight on relational ministry, which is key when working with Greeks.

Appendix **B**

Making Relationships Last Bible Studies

Meg and I have had the opportunity to speak to several groups on relationships, sex and marriage. We began by doing small talks in coed Bible studies. Sometimes we will begin the study by dividing the men and women into two to four smaller groups. We cut out the questions below and pass them out between the groups and allow each group to take turns answering the questions. The opposite sex asks clarifying questions as well. This makes for an interesting

30 minutes and allows them to learn from each other. Here are lists of the questions that have been asked before. You can allow each group to write down a few of their own questions for the opposite sex to answer. Here is our list:

Girls:

- Do you think that guys should always pay on a date? When should the girls?
- What do girls want most in a guy?
- What is the biggest turn on spiritually and physically for a girl?
- How do you like for guys to lead? How can we be a good leader?
- What would be the perfect date for you?
- What is the biggest turn-off for a girl?
- How can we pursue a friendship with you without leading you on?

Guys:

- Why do guys fail to take the initiative in leading a girl in a relationship? Is it hard?
- What is the biggest turn-off to a guy?
- Why do guys get embarrassed to show that they care about their girlfriend when other guys are around?
- What do guys think about a girl who pursues them for a relationship? Do they like it or is it really the guy's job?
- What is the biggest turn on physically and spiritually?
- What do you want most in a girl?

Next, Meg and I take turns sharing some perspective with the group. I share first and then Meg follows. This can be done by one or two leaders.

Here I am performing my 19th wedding with David Robbins, a sigma chi from Ole Miss, who was the director of Cru at U of Georgia. The couple is Corrie, Delta Gamma at Ole Miss, and David Reed, Sigma Nu at Ole Miss

What I share:
I work these thoughts into a talk. Feel free to add or remove any of the information as you see fit...

Example of the Titanic:
The people on the Titanic had two problems. They ignored the warning signs, and they thought the boat was unsinkable. A boat out in front radioed back a warning of ice ahead. The Titanic ignored the warnings because they wanted to make record-breaking time. The ship's crew also boasted to the press that the ship was unsinkable. If you ignore some of the warning signs we share, your relationships and possibly your marriage stand to suffer the same consequences.

Facts regarding relationships:
The U.S. has the #1 divorce rate in the world.

The South has the highest divorce rate in the nation.
Just over 50% of marriages end in divorce.
Another 40 to 45% of married people are not happy.
In Oklahoma in 2001, around 24,000 people were married.
But in that same year, just over 20,000 were divorced.

The time to prepare for marriage is now.
Do you actually think that at the age of 25 or 30 you will forget everything you have done? You may forget the names of some of the people you did things with, but you will not forget what you did with those people.

You will never look back and say, “I wish I had done more with Sue.” Or “I wish I had hooked up more with Joe”. I promise you will say to yourself one day, “What was I thinking doing those things with Sue–I regret it!” or “I am sorry that I did those things with Joe.”

If you think that the way you dress or look will bring you Mr. Right, you have bad theology. If you think that when you graduate, your chances of finding Mr. Right will diminish, you have bad theology. If you truly believe that God is the one who provides your mate, then you should not worry about trying to make it work now.

Sometimes I like to draw an upside down triangle and ask the crowd what kind of things they would like in life. They usually say: a loving spouse, a fulfilling job, a family and financial security. I write these things across the top of the upside down triangle and then say that if these things are all you focus on and they are the end to your means then you will end up empty and lonely.

Next, I draw a regular triangle and re-list the things across the bottom. Then I write Matthew 6:33 across the top. If

they seek first His kingdom, then all the things they need will come to them.

Students, more and more, are taking Biblical standards out of relationships.

Labels on many condom dispensers today read: It is suggested by the owners of this vendor that the best prevention of unwanted pregnancy and disease is to abstain from sex until marriage and then to live in a monogamous relationship in marriage.

Today's society says "no rules" and "if it feels good do it," but it challenges anything that is considered pure or mandated by the Bible. Two commercials for two up-and-coming sitcoms show an affair in the making as its teaser.

What Meg shares:
*You may only want to share this with a more spiritually mature audience.

Eight Biblical Absolutes

1. Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers—II Corinthians 6:14-15: This is a mandate about a believer marrying a nonbeliever. I have seen too much failure in friends dating a nonbeliever. I have had friends fall in love with a nonbeliever after dating them, get married and divorce less than two years later. I have a close friend from youth group marry a guy and they are still together after two children but I see her in church each Sunday without her husband.

2. Do not let the sun go down on your anger—Ephesians 4:26. Isaac and I talk about resolving conflict in one of the talks we give. Two sinners in a relationship will obviously face conflict so the key is dealing with it

when it comes up. We had a couple from our church Bible study going to court for divorce. They both had such anger toward one another and would not humble themselves to admit that they may be at fault. They did not deal with the problems that arose and lived in anger.

3. Let no unwholesome word proceed out of your mouth—Ephesians 4:29. I give up my right to say what I feel. I need to choose wisely what I say and say things that are encouraging or things that I will not regret later.

4. Abstain from sexual immorality—I Corinthians 6:18-7:1; I Thessalonians 4:1-8. This means pre-marital sex as well as committing adultery in marriage. The key to Scripture is that truth endures time and culture. Regardless of what the culture is saying, sex is dangerous and couples that engage in sex before marriage have over an 80% chance of divorce.

5. Always be truthful and never mislead your partner. Communication is the key. The number one reason for divorce is lack of communication. Proverbs 31 is an excellent passage for women. It is also good guide for men as they look for a future wife. One of the first qualities it mentions in a woman is that she is trustworthy. Just a little side note—she was trustworthy and faithful to God first and then to her man.

6. Love one another—Colossians 3:12-14; I Corinthians 13. At times, this is a choice. Dennis Rainey works full-time with marriages within Campus Crusade and he says that the feelings of love can last anywhere from six hours to six years in marriage. Sometimes love has to be a choice that you make in marriage and even in dating. My brother recently had his best buddy from college call him and tell him he was divorcing his wife

after 11 months of marriage and three years of dating. He told my brother that he thought that he loved her when they dated long distance but not under the same roof.

Last spring Isaac and I took a parenting class. In this class we learned that there are five ways to express love in action. I thought that this was very interesting. An author by the name of Gary Chapman came up with the five love languages. I want to share them so that you will know how to give love in action as well as see which love language makes you feel loved. This is good to know in dating stages as well as in any relationships that you develop.

1. The first love language is ENCOURAGING WORDS- this is expressing love by building up others through verbal encouragement. A couple of examples are saying, "You are a compassionate person." This is my love language, so I love to hear praise from Isaac whether he encourages me as I fold his clothes or that he says he likes the outfit I am wearing.

2. The second love language is ACTS OF SERVICE- Communicating love through sincere acts of service. This is doing something special for another person because you know that he/she will appreciate.

3. The third love language is GIFT GIVING- giving a surprising gift. This is a simple way that you show love. It does not have to be anything elaborate but just a “happy” to know that you were thinking of that person.

4. The fourth love language is QUALITY TIME- this is not watching TV but really spending time conversing and listening to the other person.

5. The last and fifth one is PHYSICAL TOUCH AND CLOSENESS- this is anything from a hug to holding hands to physically just being in the same room with that person.

   One of these is your primary love language. You speak it more than other languages and you feel most loved when it is spoken to you.

7. Divorce is not an option. I Corinthians 7:10-16; Mark 10:6-12; Genesis 2:24. In our marriage counseling, Isaac and I both agreed together that divorce is not an option when things are not going well or we get on each other's nerves. We know so many couples that must have gotten married with the idea that divorce was an option in the back of their minds because they get divorced over the smallest things.

8. Seek ye first His Kingdom. Matthew 6:33: this is really the theme of the Bible. This is the best way to have a lasting relationship-God has to be first in each of your lives. I could not seek to find a mate in order to be fulfilled and still cannot think that Isaac will fulfill me. I have to find complete satisfaction in my relationship with Christ and Him alone. I do think that Isaac, and I want to try to fulfill one another needs, but we both know ultimately our relationship with Christ is the true source of satisfaction and completion.

I am getting ready to perform my first international wedding in Scotland. Brandon is a Sigma Chi from Arkansas and one of my closest friends. He is second from left. He discipled Aaron who is on the far right.

The story of Isaac (Abraham's son) finding his wife
When I am dealing with primarily a Christian audience, I love to take them to the story of Isaac finding a wife in Genesis 24.

1. Isaac trusted "his father"-earthly and heavenly
2. His father wanted a women who followed their God–a Christian
3. Prayer was involved. vs. 12
4. He ends up marrying a godly woman

I have included some extra material that Meg and I have used if you want to do a three to four week discussion/Bible study. Here is some of the extra material:

Three myths about marriage
From the Book: *Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts* by Les and Leslie Parrott.

1. **We expect exactly the same things from marriage.**
   Actually, we expect the same things that our family gave us. We come to the marriage with mismatched expectations—some are unspoken rules that we develop. These could be: don't get sick; never raise your voice. We live by these rules. They may never be spoken but they are known. In this Bible Study that we are in, we have homework. We had to come up with Unspoken Rules in our marriage, and I realized that I have several that I brought to our home. One is that the boys take out the trash when it gets full. Another is you put things up immediately when you finish using them. These can and will cause conflict if you expect the other partner to do what is done at your home. It takes discussing these differing expectations and coming up with common expectations that you agree on.

2. **Everything good in our relationship will get better and everything bad in my life will disappear.**
   As girls, we grow up playing house and it is easy to think that getting married will be like playing house forever. Or we think that it will be one big honeymoon. I remember when I first realized that I was about to leave my family and give up my rite of childhood and become a grown up with a spouse. I was engaged when I graduated from Auburn and of course Isaac came to my graduation. After the ceremony, my family loaded up in their car and Isaac and I were getting in our car and I felt

overwhelmed that I was now an adult and would no longer be with my family as I had been for 22 years. Marriage means leaving home and the carefree lifestyle and coming to term with new limits.

It also means choosing to love when the feelings of love are not there. Recently, I was talking to a close friend of mine and she confessed that she loved her husband but was not in love with him.

3. **My spouse will make me whole.**
   We cannot think that we will get married to this guy or girl and then life will be complete. We are disillusioned if we do this and will be let down quickly. This is when we hear couples say-this is not the person that I married when in reality, this is not the person that you wanted to marry. We are complete in Christ.

   When Isaac proposed to me he read several passages in the Bible and one is II Peter 1:3 "seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything that pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence."

   He wanted to make sure that we were going into this marriage realizing that Christ has made us complete and whole and that this marriage is a blessing in the midst of life.

Reasons Marriages End

1. **We fail to understand what is meant by a biblical covenantal marriage relationship.**
   Genesis 15:6; 9-12; 17-18
   Ephesians 5:25-27

Just as God entered into an unconditional covenant with Abraham, Christ enters into an unconditional covenant with us. We are commanded to do the same within marriage

2. We enter into a natural marriage with out even realizing it.

Six Characteristics of a natural relationship
From the book: *Two…Becoming One* by Don and Sally Meredith—One of their main points is that a natural relationship is based on a focus on your spouse's performance.

1. Couples fail to anticipate differences resulting from diverse cultural backgrounds, differing family experiences, gender, etc.

2. Couples buy into the notion of a 50/50 relationship, meaning they honestly expect their spouses to meet them halfway -and when they do not, blame results.

3. Society has taught us that mankind is basically good. Therefore, couples fail to anticipate their self-centered natures that demand their own way.

   "We have been poisoned by fairy tales." -Anais Nin

   "And they lived happily ever after is one on the most tragic sentences in literature. It's tragic because it's a falsehood. It is a myth…" -Joshua Lievman

4. Couples fail to cope with life's trials. When painful trials come into the marriage, instead of standing together through them, couples typically blame each other or think something is wrong with the spouse.

5. Many people have a fantasy view of love. We quickly feel stuck with an unloving person and become deceived into believing that the next one will be better.

6. Many people lack a vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Either Christ is not in their life or He has never been Lord of their life.

We have the desire to love but we do not have the ability.

Maintaining a supernatural relationship is the key

Reasons for divorce review:

1. We fail to understand what is meant by a Biblical covenantal marriage relationship.
2. We enter into a natural marriage without even realizing it.
3. We have the desire to love but we do not have the ability.
4. People fail to prepare themselves while they are single.

The type of person you should be looking for:

1. Committed to Christ in all things-going in the same direction spiritually
2. Truly unselfish
3. Effective in work and in relationships
4. Open and honest in communication
5. Stable in emotional expression
6. Comfortable in marriage role as Biblically stated
7. Sense of humor–easy to get along with
8. Able to solve problems constructively and optimistically

Camp (ΣN)and Virginia (ΔΓ) were involved with us most of their time at Ole Miss. The got engaged their senior year and married in July.

Appendix C
Advice to Engaged Couples

I recently performed my 34th wedding. The local news reported that a record 38,000 couples were married that same day all across America. Most of my weddings have been to newly graduated Ole Miss Students. There is a good chance that you will have the opportunity to disciple or mentor some one who is moving towards marriage. I have included my thoughts in the next few pages.

I require each couple to meet with me at least twice.

First I give them advice about marriage and then give them a home work assignment. I also ask them to read at least one book on preparing for marriage. Here are their options: *Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts* by Les and Leslie Parrot. You can also purchase a his and hers workbook Sacred Marriage by Les and Leslie Parot

-The odds will be against you –how will you beat the odds.
-Every couple I council is overly optimistic that they are the exceptional couple that has already weathered many storms –but you are going to have difficulty.

I read this quote from *Sacred Marriage*:
"Maybe God intended marriage to make you more holier than happy."

The man's natural tendency will be to make a name for himself and pursue a career. If he is not careful, soon into marriage, his career will become his #1 priority, and, in the name of doing well and providing for his family, he will tend to leave his kids and spouse behind. I challenge the man to be careful with his time commitments at work because people will always praise him for his success in business but rarely praise him for how much time he spends with his wife or family.

If a man begins to detach from his commitment to nurture his wife and attach too much to his job, his wife will look for other ways to invest her life. I think the result is that a lot of couples fall into extra marital affairs because of having their needs not met by the other spouse.

If the wife is not careful, her tendency will be to share deep feelings with her close friends or mom. I encourage girls to stay close to their mom but when the bible talks about

leaving and cleaving, I think it is clear that she needs to confide in her husband as well. I tell girls to keep their husbands accountable on his time spent at the office. They need to have clear communication.

Also, if a wife feels like she is second to her husband's job, she may begin to pour out all her time and energy to her kids. This seems fine but it can often result in couples growing apart to the point of experiencing the "empty nest" syndrome years later because they cease to truly know each other.

The man will naturally not move towards emotional intimacy where the girl will tend to withhold sex when she is hurt. Both should be avoided.

-When you two think to yourself, this is not the person I married, remember that they are the person you married, you are just now getting to know each other.

How can we make it work?

-Set some norms in your marriage that you will not break. Example:

Meg and I never threaten to leave each other.
We do not yell or cuss each other.

-Ask each other once a month for your first year, How are we doing as a couple? Don't assume you are growing towards intimacy.
-Remember, the best person for you two is each other, is not someone else. Divorce and adultery are never an option.

The feelings of love will soon leave you, feelings come and go; but your marriage can be deep and more fulfilling than

a relationship based on feelings but you two will have to work hard.

Homework:

Come up with 3-5 norms
Share expectations, Do exercise in work book: (*Saving your marriage before it starts*).
Ask each other –how are we doing, what can I be doing differently
*I really stress this point. I ask the guy to commit to sitting his fiancé down at least once a month during the first year of marriage and ask her, “How am I doing? How can I be a better husband? Girls, more times than not, can not see what we are doing well and are not doing well. We need your help.
Discuss finances: Never hide from each other. I suggest that you use one account and live on a budget and have allotted spending money.

I am performing Jeremy (ATΩ) and Amanda (XΩ) Bruss’s wedding in Oxford. Jeremy served as an intern with me for 2 years.

Ted Wilcox
Worldwide Challenge

Meg and I giving one of our relationship talks to a group of freshman at the ATΩ house. Our goal is to try and follow up every freshman who attends.

Appendix D
Evangelism talk/ Bible study

This is a talk that I have given over the past several years at the Atlanta Christmas Conference. I also use it as a Bible study with students that are ready to share their faith. Feel free to use it in any way you like to help you help your disciples share their faith.

"Quietly trust yourself to Christ your Lord, and if anybody asks why you believe as you do, be ready to tell him, and do it in a gentle and respectful way."

I Peter 3:15 (Living)

Look what Strong's Greek Dictionary says about the word ready*:*
Always be prepared to make a defense
-NAS, RSV, KJ, NIV &ASV

Strong's Greek word: ready hetoimos -het-oy'-mos
- prepared
- readiness
- to make (one's) hand ready
- ready to handle opportunity
- prepared to do something
- to receive one coming

Five myths about Evangelism

Myth #1: Evangelism is my pastor's job

If I lead one person to Christ over the next year and someone leads 100 people to Christ every day, I will have one disciple in one year and they will have 36,500. But if we two in turn go out and lead another to Christ and keep this up, we will eventually pass up the evangelist and lead four Billion to Christ in 20+ years. Simply put: this is the law of compounding interest in motion.

Myth #2: I do not have enough training.

It is good to have training. Training in evangelism can make you effective but you do not have to have training to be effective. I know people who have led other people to Christ without much training. I heard a story about a guy

who led a gas station attendant to Christ one night only to hear later that he turned around that same night and led another guy to Christ. My friend actually heard the story from the second guy who had been led to Christ by the first guy. That is what I call “no training.”

Myth #3: I will let my life be a witness and it will attract people to Christ.

In other words, I’ll just let my light shine bright and people will either miraculously trust Christ on their own or come up and ask me what is so special about my life.

I took this idea and surveyed my staff team at Auburn. I asked each staff member to tell me how long he or she had been walking with the Lord before someone would notice that we are different and actually ask us about it so that we were able to share the Gospel. Out of 15 Staff members, we had 108 years of walking with God among the staff. In those 108 years, only twice were we actually approached and, one of those two made a decision for Christ. This is great that one person trusted Christ but is this how the Great Commission mandated in Matthew 28 is going to be fulfilled? Look at this other passage:

"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it, and then, finally, the end will come.
Matthew 24:14 (Living)

Let me ask you a question, “If all I am a nice guy around others, what will they assume they need to be to get to heaven?” We must take the initiative if we want to see God change lives.

Myth #4: Moderation in all things
In other words, I don't need to be too radical. I would hate to scare someone away from the gospel. What if the founders of Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola or Microsoft were told this? How do you think they would have responded? Coca-Cola's goal is that everyone would receive a coke.

I believe we are not even the ones who lead others to Christ. God is the one who draws. We are just faithful vessels of His message. I often tell people that my faith in Christ is personal but not private. God wants us to share this wonderful news with others.

Myth #5: God knows who will become Christians anyway, so I guess I really do not need to share my faith.

We need to have a healthy view of extreme Calvinism vs. extreme Arminianism. One tends to take away the responsibility of the believer to share Christ with others while the other tends to put too much responsibility on the believer. Listen to this:

In the Institutes 3.23.14, John Calvin quotes Augustine: "Because we do not know who belongs to the number of the predestined and who do not belong, we ought to be so minded as to desire that all men be saved. So it will come about that we try to make every one whom we meet a sharer of our peace.

"Am I more concerned about how others perceive me or with what God is calling me to do? Am I more concerned about where others around me will spend eternity or how they like and accept me? When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! All these new

things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him. For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you ….For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" II Corinthians 5:17-21 (Living)

"But how shall they ask Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them unless someone sends him? That is what the Scriptures are talking about when they say, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace with God and bring glad tidings of good things." Romans 10:14-15 (Living)

In other words, how welcome are those who come preaching God's Good News!

"Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations," Matthew 28:19 (Living)

"And then he told them, 'You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.'" Mark 16:15 (Living)

"And those who are wise--the people of God--shall shine as brightly as the sun's brilliance, and those who turn many to righteousness will glitter like stars forever."
Daniel 12:3 (Living)

Acts: The early church
Three stumbling blocks that slowed down progress of the great commission:

1. Being sidetracked with worldly things.
   Ex: Ananias and his wife Sapphira
   Other things that distract:
   -lust of eyes
   -lust of the flesh
   -boastful pride of life

2. Lack of unity—some felt their group was better than others.
   Acts 6: They were showing favoritism

3. They allowed their theology to put God in a box and therefore would not share with people not like themselves. Acts 11: Peter was not received or believed initially about seeing gentiles coming to know Christ.

Second Bible study: Four laws training
This is a time in which you could train students in whatever evangelistic method you prefer. If you choose to use the Four Spiritual Laws by Dr. Bright, here are some questions I use.

Lead-in questions:
If you were to die tonight; on a percentage scale from 1 to 100, how sure are you that you would go to heaven?
If you were standing before the father and he was to ask you, “Why should I let you into my kingdom?” What would you say?

When I get to the page with the circles, I like to ask the same questions each time to help them understand where they fit in each of the circles. Here is what I do:

I will explain that although God may have been using a process to draw them to Himself, we must individually receive Christ and trust him to pay for our sins. Just like Meg and I had to stand before a pastor and say “I do”, we must do the same.

In the circle on the right, who does this person trust to pay the penalty for his sins?
The circle on the left?
Then how sure is each person going to be about their salvation?

I like to write 0% on top of the circle on the left and 100% across the top of the circle on the right. I explain that although I asked them about percentages at the beginning of our conversation, now we can both see that you are either one or the other. I am 100% not because of anything I have done. It is Who I am trusting in which makes all the difference.
When do you think would be a good time to make this decision?
What would keep you from making it today?

I explain to them that they can pray the prayer on their own or I can pray it and they can repeat after me or they can just

go home and think about these things and then we can meet again and talk. Most guys like to pray after me. I then share the next few pages and set up a time to start the four follow-up Bible studies.

Appendix E
Greek Summit

Greek Summit was started in the summer of 1999. There were several Greek conferences across the South during the mid 90's and they were all good. But none seemed to prepare my young Greeks to minister to their peers. It is hard to accomplish much in one weekend. We wanted to create something that was a Greek conference times ten. We wanted to attract the type of students that would not go to a ten-week project. I feel that we are seeing these goals achieved.

This past summer we had 125 staff and students in Destin, Florida. We initially kept it a regional project for the three southern regions but I opened it up nationally this past summer. We have averaged around one to two students per

summer that trust Christ on the project. Several of the students who come are officers in their chapters.

The project is designed to cram everything from a regular summer project into three weeks. The students do not get jobs so we have plenty of time for training. We meet in a church activities center each morning for around three hours. They are free during the afternoons but have assigned readings. The evenings are somewhat like a regular summer project with Bible studies, praise and worship and reflective time with the Lord.

Greek Summit 2007

We rent out around seven to eight condos each summer in Emerald Shores. They are located in Destin, FL.. There are 10 students per condo and the amount of condos that can be rented out in this neighborhood are almost limitless! For more information you can call me at: 662-607-2400 or email me at: Isaac.Jenkins@cru.org.

There is a second Greek Summit that was launched by Brandon boyd 10 years ago and it is held in Breckenridge Colorado. Please email Brandon at Brandon.Boyd@cru.org with any questions in regards to that location. Both projects are very similar in goals.

A break down on the weeks –These are just a few things covered during the three weeks.

Week 1:
The call to reach the world
Living in light of eternity
Assurance of salvation
How to be filled with the spirit
How to walk in the spirit

Week 2:
Five different character studies from the Bible and how they made an impact in spite of their past or personal hindrances.

Week 3: Training and Equipping for Greek ministry
Training on developing a vision for their house
Developing a strategic plan to reach their vision
How to share their faith
How to follow up a new believer
How to lead a Bible study
How to give a personal testimony
Making Christ Lord of your life

Appendix F

A National Strategy to Advance Greek Ministry

Several years ago, Tom Goodwin was the national coordinator for Greek ministry within Cru and worked out of the Southeast office in Atlanta, Georgia. He was active in his fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi at Butler University and held the office of President. Tom began the Greek Ministry Cooperative and has been giving leadership with Cru involvement with the North American Interfraternity conference (NIC). Tom has a lot to offer when shedding light on our goals nationally.

Tom Goodwin
With 720,000 undergraduate students involved within fraternities and sororities, it seems natural for Campus Crusade for Christ to focus their attention in part on reaching this strategic group of students. Though it represents less than 6% of the students in the country, this is a very influential percentage. With over 7.5 million alumni the resources are great to fund ministry to Greeks as well.

There are 63 national fraternities and 26 national sororities, and in total there are approximately 8,420 local chapters on 850 campuses. This represents 8,420 potential target areas with an organized group of students that all share the goal of total development of their students (intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually). Imagine how the ministry would be effected if we had a CCC presence on each of these 850 campuses through a Greek ministry.

Simply put, we are trusting God to give us an opportunity to reach these 4,500 local chapters, develop leaders and launch these students as Christ-centered laborers to all

areas of society, nationally and internationally. If we only reached 1% of all Greek students, that would be 7200 students.

To do this we have created several strategies:

1. **Staff coaches**: In our office we coordinate staff coaches and mentors that are trained and proficient in Greek ministry to help student leaders that would like to learn how to reach Greeks.

2. **Greeklegacy.org:** We desire for this website to be a clearing house of information and resources students can use to be more effective in Greek ministry.

3. **Greek Conferences**: These are very effective in helping campuses launch and gather students for a Greek ministry outreach. In 2002 we assisted four regions in hosting their Greek conferences and our desire is to see a Greek conference hosted by each region.

4. **Greek Summit**. It is a 3 week conference in Destin, Florida and Breckenridge, Colorado and has been growing since its beginning 14 years ago. The conference is designed to help Greek men and women to be spiritual leaders back in their chapters.

5. **North American Interfraternity Conference**. Our ministry has been an associate member of this organization for the past seven years. Each year we host a prayer breakfast at their annual meeting and we have begun many positive relationships with some of the 63 national fraternities and 26 national sororities as a result of this partnership. The annual meeting is the first week of December every year and we are always looking for staff to join us as we network this audience.

Our family in Puerto Rico on a mission trip with 58 students spring 2016

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