



2010-2011

Small Group Leader Application

Thank you so much for your interest in serving in student ministries at Wenatchee Free Methodist Church. Our student ministries is a small group-focused ministry where students can worship, connect and serve together.

At WFMC, we realize that students learn and grow deeper in a small group setting more than in a large group setting. We organize small groups each year for every student participating, in order to give them a time to grow spiritually in a smaller, more intimate setting. Many students look forward to their small group time each week.

We are looking for leaders who first have a passion for the Lord, whether they have been a follower of Christ for their whole life or only for a short while. Second, we are looking for leaders who have a passion for students and their lives; because the relationship with the student is so important in a small group focused ministry. Third, we are looking for leaders who want to share their first passion with their second passion. We want students to see the fire for God in leaders through their relationship with them.

Through the time of small groups, we want leaders who will step up for the students and be, in essence, their youth pastor. A pastor is one who shepherds, and that is what we are looking for in leaders to students.

We ask 5 main things for each leader.

- Fill-Up First – To lead students, the most important thing is that your own relationship with Christ is growing and maturing.
- Journey – Relationships with students are a marathon, not a sprint. You need to commit to taking time with students to build the relationship.
- Keep it Real – This doesn't mean you have to be a cool person to the students. Students just want someone to be real with them, and to be able to be themselves. When students see you be yourself, then they have permission to be who they are.
- Time on their turf – Relationships with students doesn't happen only on small group nights. It grows when you are at their basketball game, dance recital, band concert, etc. This is one of the key things you can do for students to look up to you and build that relationship.
- Partner with Parents – At WFMC, our vision is that parents are the primary discipler's of their children. Our goal is to partner with parents and to help come alongside them to nurture their student to a mature faith.

Elevate and Activate meet weekly starting in September. Elevate meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm and Activate meets on Sundays from 6:30-8:30pm. According to your availability, Activate small groups can also meet outside of Sunday Nights as a home group. This would take more work in preparation, but might be a little more convenient for some leaders.

Thank you again for your desire to be small group leader at Wenatchee Free Methodist Church.

Sincerely,

Family Ministries Team



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Personal Information (Please print this portion)

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # Home _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address _____

1. I am applying for the position of Small Group Leader in: _____ Elevate, or _____ Activate

- Preferred Grade? _____

2. Do you call WFMC your home church? _____

If yes, how long have you attended WFMC? _____

If no, where do you currently attend church? _____

Please answer the following questions fully. If more room is needed, you may write on the back of each page:

3. Have you ever served as a small group leader before in Student Ministries? _____

- If yes, please explain your experience, and how long you served.

4. Why do you want to serve as a leader of a student small group at WFMC?

5. What other volunteer or leadership commitments do you currently have?

6. Please describe when and how you came to Christ.

7. Please explain your understanding of the Gospel and the steps to becoming a follower of Christ.

8. What are your passions and spiritual gifts?

9. How do you see yourself using these passions and gifts as a leader in our Student Ministries?

10. What qualities do you believe one should have if they are a leader in our Student Ministries at WFMC?

11. What is the greatest strength that you would bring to our Student Ministries team?

12. In our Student Ministries, our small group leadership is a team effort. This means we will all meet 20 minutes before each group to pray for the night. I will commit to participating in this. (initial)_____

13. Our vision for each student is to have the same faith values in their small group that they have at home brought to him or her from another angle other than from their parents. I understand I will not be assigned as a small group leader to my own son or daughter in a small group. (initial)_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____