

XA CHI ALPHA STUDENT MINISTRY BRASIL

1) Student ministry is important!

We are living in the age of meritocracy.

Meritocracy is a society where success in life is achieved through:

Intelligence, Knowledge / Graduation and Results.

Without knowledge / graduation it is impossible to have a successful life in the modern society that is based upon meritocracy.

The government knows this and invests huge amounts of money in education, to create a more prosperous society.

Parents know this and that is why the majority wants their children to study, so that they will have a better life than them.

Students know this and that the only way (almost) possible in life to have money and power for somebody is through a graduation.

More people every day are going to schools than ever before and the prospect is that the number is going to grow fast.

Student's ministry is important because students are almost not of reach of the standard youth ministries.

Students in state and federal universities are fulltime on the university campus from Monday until Friday there is no time or opportunity to go to the church during the week except in the weekends.

Students of private universities are working all day in the morning and afternoon to pay the faculties and at night they go to private faculty to study and have no possibility to go to the church during the week days except the weekends.

The student's can't go to church but church can come to them at the universities through the student ministry XA Chi Alpha.

2) The core values of XA Chi Alpha ministry.

XA Chi Alpha ministries has four core values. We believe that every student has four callings in life from God for his or her life. The four callings are that every student is called by God to be a steward of his life, to be a disciple, to be an ambassador and to be a missionary.

II.A) What does it mean to be called by God to be a steward of your life?

Ask any student why he or she is studying and the majority will answer that they are studying to achieve a life of wealth, social security and position in society.

The Bible teaches us something different for our lives. Matthew 6:19

We are supposed to first seek the kingdom of God, and wealth; social security and position in society will be given to us.

Romans 11:36 teach us that everything in the universe is made by God belong to God and are for Him. The life of every student, is made by God, belongs to God and needs to serve God.

Made by God, belongs to God and needs to serve God is what we call stewardship. Jesus explains this principle of being a steward of ours lives very clearly in the parable of the talents, Mathew 25:15-30.

The key verse of this parable is Mathew25:29, what are we doing with what God has given to us, are we producing fruit for the kingdom of God or are we doing nothing for the Kingdom of God. We will be rewarded according to what we do.

The student has been given by God the opportunity to study at a faculty. What is he or she going to do with this great privilege and opportunity God has given to them?

We call upon them to be stewards of their university course they are doing.

II.B) God has called every student to be disciple.

Three important facts about universities.

- 1) University is a place where students have dominion.
- 2) Students are the future leaders of society.
- 3) The average time a student is going to spend on a university is 4 a 6 years.

These three facts have great impact on student ministry.

- 1) Student ministry must be done by students.
- 2) Christian student ministry main focus must be to train students to become future Christian leaders in society.
- 3) Student ministry is an ongoing group that continuous changes his members naturally. All the student members of a student ministry have a participation span in the group for only a couple of years (2 a 4 in average).

Putting these three facts together you come to the conclusion that student ministry will only work by establishing a very strong discipleship program.

The hart of student ministry is discipleship, and every student is called to be a disciple.

The students themselves need to be the leaders of students ministry on a campus because of fact one. We need to train them to be Christian leaders.

Our definition of a Christian leader is: "A disciple of Jesus Christ that generates others to be disciples of Jesus Christ". To be a disciple that makes disciples.

The key Bible verse for this is 2 Timothy 2:2

When the students become the leaders of the student ministry, and they are disciples who discipleships new disciples, we have a healthy student ministries.

II.C) God has called every student to be an ambassador.

Two important facts about student ministry.

- 1) The university is not our property. We are on the ground of somebody else.
- 2) The church is the body of Jesus Christ on earth.

XA Chi Alpha doesn't want to start a church but wants to work together with the local church to establish a work of the local church on the grounds of the university.

XA Chi Alpha wants to establish an embassy of the Kingdom of God on the university grounds.

An embassy is the sovereign territory of a state in the soil of another state.

God calls every student to be an ambassador of His Kingdom. 2 Cor 5:16-21

XA Chi Alpha student ministries establish the kingdom of God on the campus grounds and the students are going to be the ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

As ambassadors of Jesus Christ on the university campus we learn the students to be involved with six activities what XA Chi Alpha student ministries does everywhere in the world.

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| 1) Worship: | Organize a weekly service on the university ground. |
| 2) Discipleship: | Organize discipleship program in small groups. |
| 3) Prayer: | Organize a monthly prayer vigil on the university ground. |
| 4) Fellowship: | Organize social events where students can become a family. |
| 5) Evangelism: | Organize special events to do outreach to the campus. |
| 6) Mission: | Mobilize students to be involved with mission work. |
| | Every student prays for mission. (Adopt a missionary in prayer) |
| | Every student gives to mission. (Give monthly to the mission) |
| | Every student goes to mission. (Does a mission trip) |

III.D) God has called every student to be a Missionary.

The society of the modern world is expanding every time more and more. Every day new areas are developed and society is becoming every day more complex. The traditional church is every day losing space and influence in society, because it is not reaching in all the new areas of modern society.

The areas of society are:

- 1) Government
- 2) Health
- 3) Education
- 4) Industry
- 5) Business
- 6) Media
- 7) Leisure

The traditional church has no entrance to these new areas of society. Society is getting every time more secular and these areas are excluding the traditional church from their territory.

These new areas need every day of new professional workforce to work and to lead in those areas. They seek that workforce from the graduates from the universities. We train our students from Chi Alpha ministry be prepared missionaries to work as professionals in those areas but at the same time being Christian leaders that are going to put in practice as missionary what they have learned in XA Chi Alpha ministries.

Every student is called to be missionary to the modern workplace.

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