

# Leadership Challenge

Things to communicate as we challenge new leaders

## 1. Why Lead?

- Share why you like leading with Cru and how it has benefitted you (Clear purpose, community, discipleship, training, missions, etc.).
- Share why you think they would be a good leader.

## 2. Uniqueness of leading with Cru

- Leadership within Cru is unique from other leadership positions on campus. **We are not just leaders, but a community that is following Jesus and making disciples.** There are many good ways you can lead on campus, but we think leading with Cru has great significance and eternal value. You will have experiences that will impact your own life, the lives of others and benefit you way beyond college.
- As a leader in Cru you will receive help in impacting others with the gospel and passing on what you have been given in Christ. Some tangible ways we do this is by leading bible studies, sharing our faith and discipling others. We invite you to apply online on [aggiecru.com](http://aggiecru.com).
- Look at the attached **Making Disciples** sheet (if you have not done so already) to see what a leader in Cru is about.

## 3. Benefits of being a leader in Cru

- Read together the “Benefits of being a leader with Cru” on the **Leadership Application**

## 4. Expectations of a Leader in Cru

- Read over the **Leadership Application** and the expectations involved.
- **Come to the training in sharing you your faith on March 22 and 29 from 7-8pm.** It is important as a leader to be willing and available to share your faith. We want to train you and help you do that!
- Come to the leadership dinners.
- **Mark your calendar for the Leadership retreat in August** (date coming soon).



# Making Disciples & Launching Movements

Where am I? Where are my friends?



## LOST STUDENTS

- Cultivate friendships. Identify interested people in your target audience. Focus on 1st year students!
- Expose: 3-5 attractive, relevant opportunities to discover Jesus. Initiate gospel conversations face-to-face and online.
- Reach thousands who are searching for God online
- Colossians 1:28,29

## WIN

- **Expose: Connecting the Lost to Jesus**
  - Personal conversations and life story
  - 4 Laws, Everystudent.com, Facebook, etc.
  - "Satisfied" Holy Spirit booklet

## Jesus' Proven Principles and Practices

- **Love the Lord** with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. **Love people.**
- **Mobilize Prayer.** Sow broadly. **Filter ripe fruit. Select. Go 2 by 2. Debrief.**
- **Resist** the urge to commit to a discipleship relationship too soon!
- **Look for leaders** (who take initiative and have others following them).
- Each step is significant for the **disciple (= learner)** being developed and strategic for reaching the world.
- Disciple's role: intercede, rebuke, correct, encourage, train, release.
- Disciple's role: **Truly Following Jesus.**
- As a rule, **use God's Word** on each appointment to **build conviction.**
- Know the difference between forming growth groups & **making disciples.**
- **God alone causes the growth.** Over time we must **focus our attention** (through **selection** based on faithfulness, availability and teachability) on 4th sol disciples who are able and willing to become spiritual multipliers.
- Remember this is a **PROCESS** - making disciples takes time.
- **As the movement grows, keep it CHRIST-CENTERED and STUDENT-LED!**

## CHRIST-CENTERED LIFETIME LABORER

- Aware of and involved in meeting spiritual needs of the world
- Life & actions result in more and better people, vision, money, strategies, etc honoring Jesus among the nations.
- Gen. 12:1-2; Is. 49:6; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 15:20; Rev. 7:9

## BLESS

### Expand: Raising Resources

- Go wherever God leads to help fulfill the Great Commission
- Live, love, learn, pray, & give
- Send uniquely qualified laborers into God's harvest

## BUILD

### Establish: Life-changing discipleship

- God's Word
- Basic follow up
- StartingwithGod.com
- Spirit-filled life
- Growth group\*
- Weekly meeting, conferences, service\*
- Local church\*
- \*Cultivates community & vision for further growth. Places for non-believers to "Come and see."

### Professing Believers

- Grasping assurance of salvation and identity in Christ is key to growth!
- 1 John 5:11-13; 1 Peter 1:3-5



### Faithful Disciple

- Solid commitment to grow spiritually
- A follower & "Getter"
- Mark 8:34-36

## TRAIN

### Equip: 2 x 2 & Group Ministry

- Address heart & character issues
- Equip in evangelism, discipleship & service
- Training curriculum & regular feedback
- Witnessing regularly
- Leading small group
- Summer project to gain vision & experience



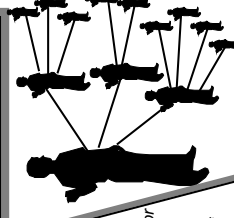
### Fruitful Worker

- Growing heart and capacity to minister to others
- Becoming a leader & "Giver"
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- John 15:16

## SEND

### Enlist: Multiplying Leaders

- Mobilize, train & mentor others to lead discipleship groups and new movement teams\*
- Launch new movements\*
- Taking others to conferences, missions and service
- \*See movement definition



### Spiritual Multiplier

- Spirit-filled disciple who looks for, mobilizes & mentors others to lead
- Influence to 3rd generation
- 2 Timothy 2:2



## Cru Leadership Application 2017/2018

Email to [aggiecru@cru.org](mailto:aggiecru@cru.org) by **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Place your name in the subject line

Full Name:  
Phone Number:

Gender:  
Email:

Class Year:.

Desired Leadership Position: ☐ Bible Study Leader and Discipler

If you are currently in a Cru Bible study, what is/are the name(s) of your leader(s)?

I prefer to lead a Bible Study with this person (if any preference):

## UNIQUE BENEFITS OF BEING A LEADER WITH CRU

We believe that there are unique benefits to being a part of Cru Leadership. You are a part of a community who also wants to follow Christ and make and multiply disciples. Together, you will gain:

- Opportunities to be poured into by older students, interns or staff.
- Further training in evangelism and discipleship.
- Biblical input through various books of the bible.
- Deeper community within Cru and with other student leaders.
- Encouragement and challenge to take the gospel to your peers and to the world.
- Opportunities to go and take others with you to conferences and summer missions.
- Experiences that will prepare you to walk with God and be "sent" beyond college.

## SO, WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF YOU?

We desire for you to follow Christ deeply and lead others. Both elements are essential and interrelated. They also both are difficult to rigidly define. However, the following is an attempt to give you practical expectations. Practically, as a leader in Cru we expect you to:

### **Follow Christ**

- Practice spiritual breathing - confession, repentance, yielding
- Spend regular time with Him in prayer and Bible study

### **Be connected to the Cru community and be a team player**

- Attend Cru meetings on a regular basis (Wednesdays at 8:30)
- Attend Fall Retreat and Winter Conference
- Become familiar with and use Cru Materials (Knowing God Personally, Satisfied, Soularium, etc.)

### **Be involved in reaching students for Christ**

- Willing to be trained and practice initiative evangelism
- Commit to help start a movement

- Commit to follow up with students from various outreaches

### **Be invested in community, so you can walk with Christ and invest in others**

- Be a part of a small group (growing in the Word, prayer, love for Christ, humility...)
- Attend the leadership retreat before school starts in August and Leadership Meetings (every 3 weeks on Sundays 6-7:30)
- Attend training opportunities.
- Actively bring and invite others into the Cru community.

### **Training for New Leaders this semester:**

- Attend the two training times on these dates: March 22 and March 29 from 7-8pm
- Go on campus with a student leader or staff to learn and observe how to share your faith

As you invest in others here at Texas A&M, consider what legacy you will leave behind. As Paul faced his own death in prison, he wrote these words to his disciple Timothy:

*"be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." II Tim. 2:1-2*

# **CRU LEADER SHORT ANSWER**

(PLEASE FILL IN BELOW)

1. Briefly summarize the beginnings of your relationship with God.
2. Briefly describe your current relationship with God.
3. Please explain the main points of the Gospel in less than 300 words.
4. Describe why you desire this Cru leadership position and how God has led you to this decision.
5. What are some of your talents and abilities and God-given spiritual gifts? What are your strengths and weaknesses? Share how these have influenced your life and how you foresee them being used in Cru.
6. Explain your vision and what expectations you have for your Cru Bible Study and/or discipleship.
7. What do you envision your needs will be as a Cru leader? (What things/resources, etc. might you need?)

I have read and understand the expectations of the position I am applying for. I have completed the following questions truthfully and to the best of my ability.

Signature:

Date:

If you have any questions, please contact the following:

Dan or Erin at [aggiecru@cru.org](mailto:aggiecru@cru.org)