

Academic Survival Leader's Guide

The purpose in covering this topic is to encourage freshmen to work hard at their studies, to help them see what they should work hard and to offer some principles and ideas that will help them in their studies and how this fits with glorifying God among the nations.

We will cover the sheet titled "Academic Survival" (see next page).

Love over the "Principles for Being a Good Student" and walk through these during your small group. Feel free to add anything you have learned that has helped you be a better student.

Some Questions for Discussion:

1. Which of the motivations for academics gave you a better incentive to study?
2. How did these motivations help you see studying a different way?
3. How is this topic part of glorifying God among the nations?
4. Which character quality do you feel you are strong in? Weak in? How do the character qualities apply to academics?
5. What challenges do you foresee for you academically this year? Over the next few years?
6. Do you have any academic goals for yourself? Do these reflect right priorities?
7. When might an "A" not be worth it?

Academic Survival

1. Motivation for being a Good Student:

- ***To show excellence for God's glory and your good.***
Colossians 3:23 1 Corinthians 10:31
1 Timothy 3:7 Proverbs 22:29
Ecclesiastes 10:10
- ***To build a platform for your future.***
Proverbs 10:4 Proverbs 12:24, 27
Proverbs 13:4 Proverbs 21:5
- ***To establish the habit of working hard.***
Proverbs 13:4 Proverbs 18:9
Proverbs 20:4 Proverbs 28:19
- ***To gain greater freedom.***
Future courses build on basic courses.
Keeping up with your studies will create less anxiety at test time.
Education opens up future jobs and opportunities.

2. Commit Yourself to God's Plan for Your Life:

- ***Get your priorities straight.***
 - Two things will last: God's Word and Men's Souls
 - Walk with God
 - Have a Ministry
 - Share your Faith
 - Keep an eternal perspective of your studies. Use the time in class to learn the topic, but more importantly, make connections with PEOPLE and speak up for Truth in class.
- ***Now is the time to determine what kind of person you want to be in the future.***
 - Have your heart on what is on God's heart
 - If school is your number one priority and God/ministry is second, when you graduate, work will replace school in that number one spot.
 - Make yourself available to get the help you need.
 - Set time aside for church, Paradigm, Bible study, personal time with God, summer projects, retreats, conferences, and spending time with peers who are also walking with God.
 - No other time in life will you have so much disposable time, vacation, or free time to ***choose*** how to use.