

# STUDENTS

## Citylight Students 2019 - 2022 Information



*"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we many no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." - Ephesians 4:12-14*

## MISSION

CLS exist to multiply disciples through helping families meet, imitate and share Jesus to equip the saints for the work of the ministry and building up of the body.

Meet Jesus – While we love God's word and want students to learn it, our main goal isn't that they know all the books of the Bible or stories from the OT. It's that they would meet Jesus in a real and personal way as their savior and King. That is why each lesson points to Jesus.

Imitate Jesus – We want students to meet Jesus and then become more like Jesus. Not just to modify their behavior or so they will be nicer/better behaved/etc. but because the Holy Spirit is working in them to make them more like Jesus.

Share Jesus – Evangelism is an outpouring of what Jesus has done for us. We want to help students know they can share Jesus with others, it's not just for adults to do, and then equip them with how to share Jesus.

## VALUES

### **Down | Gospel**

The gospel is the "good news" that God has reached down to us in his son, Jesus, to defeat sin and death and their effects in our world. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has initiated and accomplished what we never could. This gospel is the "power of God" (Rom. 1:16) to overcome the penalty of sin (past) the power of sin (present) and the presence of sin (future). It is the power for personal salvation and transformation as well as the renewal of neighborhoods, cities, and nations. We never move past Jesus. We never move past the gospel. Who we are and what we do will be rooted in and empowered by God's reaching down in the gospel.

We will point to the Gospel at every opportunity and it will always be the main point of any teaching. We will be vulnerable with our own stories so that students understand that the Gospel is relevant to the lives of adults they have relationships with. We will pray faithfully for children to come to accept Jesus' sacrifice for them once for all.

## **Up | Spiritual Formation**

We have all been formed into a certain kind of person. The goal of the gospel is not just to save us from hell, but to renew our character and lives “until Christ is formed in you” (Gal. 4:19). We are committed to proclaiming the gospel not just as the front door to Christianity but as the good news that we live by every day. We are committed to being a church that drives people to personal repentance and faith in Jesus for a changed and transformed life.

## **In | Community**

The church is not a place but a people. It’s not just a weekly assembly of individuals, but a community committed to loving each other well and doing life together. Community is the context for gospel formation and mission. We will not settle for being a weekly service for people to attend, but will continually drive people to share their lives with others as “a people for [God’s] own possession” (1 Pet. 2:9).

## **Out | Mission**

The church IS God’s missionary agency to fulfill the great commission. Emil Brunner wrote, “The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning.” Therefore, “missions” is not one ministry within the church, but the very orientation of the church. The same gospel that transforms us also compels us outward on mission. We exist as a church on mission to be “a city on a hill” and “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14). We do this by orienting each one of our City Groups around a defined and shared mission – seeking to love, serve, and make disciples of neighborhoods and networks of people in Omaha and the surrounding communities.

## **RHYTHMS**

### **Sunday Night Gatherings | 5:30 - 7 PM**

We believe that the word of God makes disciples, because its central message is the gospel. Therefore, we are committed to gathering weekly to have fun, sing, eat a meal together and to hear the gospel preached so that students can be encouraged and equipped to make disciples.

### **City Groups | Throughout the week**

Jesus has called us to make disciples and we believe the best way to make disciples is to scatter throughout the week in CLS City Groups. Therefore we are committed to scattering every week in CLS City Groups to make disciples and raise up leaders for the Church and future church plants. We want our City Groups to mirror the church’s City Groups for the specific purpose of reaching the network of Middle and High School campuses in the metro area. We desire to help students connect with the church’s Sunday morning gatherings, so they will be using the church wide City Group discussion guides. There will be one CLS City Group for Middle School and one for High School starting in September.

### **Huddles | Throughout the week**

Small, gender-specific, discipleship groups who meet weekly with the goal of multiplying disciples through encouragement and accountability. These groups are made up of 3-4 students along with a huddle leader. These groups are designed to help students not only have spiritual depth in their knowledge but also to help them mature in obedience to God’s Word. These will begin in September.

## CLS TEACHING PLAN 2019-20

**Fall** | Mark, Daniel, Galatians

**Spring** | Joshua, 1 Timothy, Habakkuk

### EVENT OVERVIEWS:

#### Hangouts

These nights are fun outings that not only help create a special community within CLS, but give students a perfect opportunity to invite friends to come join in and make new friends. Cost: Free - \$20

#### Mission Weekenders

We desire to help students learn to serve God where they live and to the ends of the earth. These weekends are designed to help students see the needs that are in close proximity to where they spend everyday of their lives. There will be a trip here in Omaha and one in Kansas City this year. Cost: \$100 or less.

### BUDGET PLANNING FOR 2019 - 2020

Below are approximate costs for the major events for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Hangout nights ~ \$20 (~\$100 for the year)
- Mission Weekenders ~ \$100 each
- Fall Retreat ~ \$100
- Middle School Summer Mission Trip ~ \$750
- High School Summer Mission Trip Guatemala ~ \$1500  
(U.S. Passport application forms are available online at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).)

*Scholarships are available by application. Students applying will be required to provide a minimum amount, either through fundraising or payment, to qualify.*

### REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPATION

All students participating in either mission trip must meet the following requirements. This applies even if the student has already paid money toward the trip. Some money may be refundable, but there is no guarantee that a refund will be possible.

#### REQUIREMENT #1

Participate in 10 hours of serving the community or church. If a student participates in a missions weekender they can get up to 5 hours of service, so if they participate in both weekends they will have completed this requirement.

#### REQUIREMENT #2

Students **MUST** attend trip training meetings.

#### REQUIREMENT #3

Students must be actively involved in CLS through Sunday nights, CLS City Groups, and/or Huddles.