



breakthru ministries

TAKING TIME FOR A LIFE CHANGE

BREAKTHRU 2011 SMALL GROUP LEADER APPLICATION & COVENANT

Name _____ Church _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School Address* _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

*if applicable

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

This section allows you an opportunity to give us some background on who you are and what Christ has been doing in your life. The information you provide is to help us understand a little more about you and experiences in your Christian walk. Please take the time necessary to prayerfully and adequately answer each question.

1. Describe in your own words when you accepted Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. **(Please skip question one if you have previously attended BreakThru as a SGL).**

2. What is the most important thing God has shown you in the past 6 months? *Please give details that will allow us to truly understand your discernment of God's activity in your life over the last half of the year.*

3. Name a person in the Bible that you most identify with *and* why.

4. Tell us about your *current* involvement in a local church and in any other ministry organizations.

5. Do you have previous experience as a Small Group Leader for any other ministries? If so, what do you feel you learned in this experience that will help you in your role at Break Thru?

6. Why do you desire to participate in BreakThru 2011 as a Small Group Leader?

CORE BELIEFS

1. The Bible is the Word of God; divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible rule of faith.
2. There is one true God existing eternally as the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God-Three persons.
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on Calvary, rose from the grave and ascended into Heaven to intercede for all people.
4. The Holy Spirit keeps believers current with Christ, assuring them of personal salvation, producing the fruit of God's character, and empowering for Christian witness.
5. Men and women are created in God's image, but because of sin, are tragically lost apart from God's redeeming grace.
6. All people live under God's mandate of repentance and through Christ are invited to be delivered from the guilt and power of sin and by faith in Christ restored to fellowship with Him.
7. All people who have lived in Christ will live eternally in Heaven, while eternal pain and separation from God awaits those who have rejected Christ.

PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

Purpose Statement

The purpose of BreakThru Ministries is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ so that people may:

Receive Christ as Lord and Savior,
Respond to God's call on their life,
Renew their passion for Kingdom building.

Ministry Model

The BreakThru Ministries Student Retreat is an interdenominational retreat ministry consisting of multiple churches from the Southeast region. The retreat offers the highest quality of student programming as well as opportunities for evangelism, discipleship, and ministry training. Speakers, small groups, worship, recreation, and Bible study reflect a commitment to these three areas.

Speakers from throughout the BreakThru community are brought in to speak to the needs of teenagers. Opportunities are given to make a first time commitment to Christ, move to the next level of their Christian walk, or respond to a call to full time ministry.

Small Groups play a crucial role in a retreat of over 200 individuals. It is in the small group that a student shares, discusses, and has a chance to be mentored by a quality adult leader whose behavior will consistently exemplify Christ. Small Groups are the backbone of the student retreat.

Worship at the BreakThru Student Retreat is not limited to a certain element of programming. The invitation is to worship God through all activities. Whether it's music, hiking, teaching or fun - worship is the call.

Recreation has a dynamic purpose. Experiencing laughter, games, and excitement in a Christian setting can have a powerful impact on the student.

Bible Study is vital because there is no substitute for being in God's word. Each morning the Bible study leader will break the "bread of life" with students and share powerful truths.

Whether a student is a non-believer or preparing for a call to vocational ministry, the BreakThru Student Retreat is committed to meeting the specific need of the student.

REFERENCES

Each Small Group Leader applicant is required to list three references below. All information for each reference is to be completed by applicant. These references **should not** include **any** of the ministers with whom you will attend BreakThru.

Name _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

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COVENANT

All Small Group Leaders are required to sign covenants agreeing to certain principles and practices as determined by the leadership BreakThru Ministries. Please read each of the following and initial on the line provided at the end of each statement. **By initialing, you are agreeing that if at any time your leadership or actions are contrary to this covenant you will be held accountable by BreakThru Ministries.**

1. I have read the Core Beliefs and the Philosophy & Purpose statement, and I will conduct myself in accordance with these two documents. _____
2. I agree to attend the BreakThru Small Group Leader Training session as scheduled by the BreakThru minister at the church for which I am seeking to serve. I understand that without proper training for this specific event I will not be allowed to serve in the role of Small Group Leader. _____
3. I understand that I am seeking to attend BreakThru 2011 as a leader of students, rather than a primary participant, whose responsibilities include a role in security designed to enhance the experience for the students and to preserve their well being. _____
4. I understand that BreakThru Ministries has a policy of two deep. I am never to put myself in a private or secluded situation where I am one on one with any student that attends BreakThru 2011. Two leaders (Small Group Leaders or Full-time staff) must be present in any environment that contains students. _____

I understand and agree that the above information is an accurate reflection of my spiritual journey and that I am to faithfully serve Christ at BreakThru in the manner in which I will be trained.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

I understand by signing this document I am stating that I have **appropriately evaluated** this applicant and potential leader and **approve him/her with full endorsement** to serve as a Small Group Leader for BreakThru 2011.

Signature of Youth Minister _____ Date _____



Dear Potential Small Group Leader:

It is difficult to put into words how God has used this retreat over the years to impact the lives of students. Many of you now reading this letter have been touched by this event, and as a result, this phenomenon needs no explanation. God moves through BreakThru! As a Small Group Leader, you will be the lead interpreter of that movement. Students will be depending on you to guide them through the process of letting go of the things of the world and grabbing hold of the living God. What an awesome opportunity.

We are excited that you desire to be a part of such a special time in the lives of so many students. We feel blessed that you are willing to link arms with us as we seek to pave the way for God to be honored and students to feel his love. It is our prayer that God will be seen through worship, recreation, teaching, stillness, and YOU. That's right. It is our prayer that God uses you. He can do it if you will let him.

Please know that this application is a way for us to learn more about where you are in your journey with Christ. It is critical for us to know some your story before you become part of a student's story. We take very seriously the responsibilities and expectations that will be placed on you throughout the event. In light of this fact, it is important for us to know where you are as we begin working together.

Before this event even begins, I want to say thank you. Thank you for being willing to take a portion of your Christmas break to invest in others. I understand that this is no small sacrifice. I pray that God ministers to you in your time of service. We, as a ministry, are praying for you. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to our time together.

Ben Derrick
Program Director
BreakThru Ministries

