

Mark The Moment

One way of celebrating as well as recognizing decisions that have been made over the course of the year, but especially during the summer months at CIY events and camps, is to Mark the Moment with the student and their family.

I have included a draft of what this event could look like for your church.

Purpose: Celebrating life decisions to pursue full-time ministry in the life of a student

When: This could be done anytime in the year but we feel that doing it in August just after summer CIY and camps have been completed while it is still fresh in our minds.

Who: Any student who has indicated a desire to pursue FT ministry as a vocation. The family is also invited.

What: A nice dinner with a program and commissioning of the students who have desired this call in their lives.

Sample evening schedule:

Date:

Time: 6:00-7:15p

of people anticipated: 30-40

Staff:

Thoughts:

About the Setting:

- Nice table cloths/table settings - room set 30 mins prior to guest arrival
- Food ordered, drinks are ready by 5:45p
- A/V needs- music playing on arrival, great graphics to accompany teaching points and materials, table talk questions on the big screen, name placards for speakers, etc.
- Provide notepads & pens on tables for people to take notes
- 1 page handout at end - "cheat sheet" - of the key things we want everyone having in hands.
 - Should include links to web sources - ex. Calvary CLI page, CIY follow through initiative, Educational opportunities, etc.... Contact info of necessary people, etc.

Q - What can we do to provide them a powerful reminder of this Mark the Moment for them? A certificate, an engraved baton - or something to "Mark the Moment" for them.

Q - What would a strong “commissioning” time look like? - have them stand, parents/leaders lay their hands upon them, etc?

6:00pm: Welcome/Prayer - set the vision for the night

- Table Talk during dinner: (sample questions)
 - Get to Know You Questions (who they are, grade in school, etc.)
 - What do you think FT ministry looks like for an individual?
 - What has been stirring in your heart for this decision?

6:25pm: How do I know I have been Called to ministry? - Staff member

- Eph 4:8-12
- No role has more importance
- Calling may change as God calls you

Staff: 3 testimonies (3 min. each)

- Staff 1
- Staff 2
- Staff 3

Panel Discussion: Have 3-5 staff members/Elders/Youth Group Leaders be a part of the panel discussion.

6:35pm: What does it mean to work for Jesus?

- Jesus is in charge of Training and Development - Spiritual Development
- Jesus is in charge of Placement
- Jesus is in charge of our Finances

6:45pm: What does a Pastor need to know and do?

- Biblical Competency
- Personal Skills
- Leadership Skills

6:55pm: What should I be doing next?

- Ministry Experience (Serve)
- Mentoring Relationship (Pastor)
- Personal Growth (Spiritual Disciplines)
- Church college scholarship available for those going into ministry
- Pursue
- Student Internship

7:00 pm - Q&A

7:05pm - Student Commissioning

7:10pm: Close in prayer