

Heart 2 Heart

Spotlight on: DSGLs

You've seen shirts around campus and gotten emails about applying to be one, but what is a DSGL? DSGL stands for Discipleship Small Group Leader. Discipleship Small Group Leaders are part of Discipleship Ministries, a department of Christian Ministries run by Mark Irving. Each year DSGLs work with the DC (Discipleship Council) to create an atmosphere for spiritual growth through accountability, prayer, open discussion and loving community in the small group they lead.

Mark Irving, director of Discipleship Ministries, is currently accepting applications for next year's DSGLs. Applicants should have a heart for God and a desire to encourage others in their spiritual growth. Applicants should demonstrate spiritual maturity and good interpersonal/relational skills. Applicants should also be able to make this ministry a priority throughout the next school year.

According to Greg Briggs, "the DC is the group of twelve young men and women who have the privilege of being discipled by Mark and Meredith Irving, and who in turn have the privilege and

responsibility to invest in their small group leaders, who will invest in their small groups."

Justin McCoy defined a DSGLs role as someone who "facilitates discussion about spiritual things related to the topic of the study in order to create a thought-provoking environment. In doing so the idea is to take these new concepts and find ways to apply them to the groups' lives so that we are not only striving to learn more, but to live better lives because of it."

Devin Krupka encourages students to be involved in discipleship as a DSGL because it allows you to impact others' lives as well as be challenged yourself. "Acting as a DSGL gives people the opportunity to have an impact on other people's lives for Christ. Being a DSGL also provides the opportunity to grow close with a group of friends who can encourage and challenge each other to continue to run the race in a manner worthy of our calling."

Alyssa Adams has enjoyed her time as a DSGL and becoming friends with the girls in her group. "The best times

were when someone became a friend and not just a group member, which I think came hand in hand with becoming vulnerable."

Sara Villanyi saw God work in her group through the material they studied. "I know my group really learned what it meant to be content through the study that we went through. It is neat to see what God can teach the group and that He sometimes taught us each the same thing, but also taught us each different things."

Discipleship Ministries has had the most impact on Derek Hostetter through seeing lives changed. "Seeing God work in the lives of the students of a small group and being encouraged by the others in the group because they see a change in you too."

For more information about Discipleship Ministries, DSGLs, or to get an application, contact Mark Irving. Mark is accepting applications through April 5.



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Ministry Opportunities

East Toledo Baptist Church is looking for a youth director and praise team members (vocal or instrumental) for Saturdays and Sundays in an inner-city church with a possible stipend. Contact Dr. Donald Black, Senior Pastor, at (419) 693-2688 or etbchurch@core.com if interested.

Faith Community Church in Monroe, OH is looking for a worship leader who can play the guitar for Sunday mornings with a Wednesday night practice. Contact Pastor Geoffrey Prows at (513) 407-0938 or geoff4jc@aol.com for more information.



"Come, follow me," Jesus said,
"and I will make you fishers
of men."

Matthew 4:19