

Heart 2 Heart

Spotlight on: Discipleship Ministries

The department of Discipleship Ministries, lead by Mark Irving, exists to foster spiritual growth and life change on campus through small groups and mentoring relationships. The Department of Discipleship Ministries has three sections: Discipleship Small Groups, Prayer Teams, and Fit to be Tied.

Discipleship Small Groups start the fourth week of the fall semester and continue throughout the year. The Discipleship Council (DC), made up of twelve students, meet with Mark to study Jesus' method of discipleship. Each DC member is the leader for a discipleship group with the discipleship small group leaders (DSGL). Dan Jaquery, DC member, recommends students get involved in a small group, "Because it is a great way to learn about God with peers in a way that brings you closer to God and to each other. Susan Bosworth, also a DC member, shares the impact Discipleship Ministries has had on her life. "Discipleship ministries has encouraged me in my walk with the Lord by meeting regularly with a great group of girls. It's been a time of learning to be real with one another and challenge each other in

our relationship with God." Laura Stokes, another DC member, agrees. "Through Discipleship Ministries, God has allowed me to meet some amazing, godly people, who have each spurred me on in my relationship with God, encouraging me to become the woman that God wants me to be. My faith has been stretched and is constantly being challenged."

Each Discipleship Small Group is formed of 5-8 students who meet on a weekly basis to study a specific topic or book of the Bible and build relationships. Megan Bell, DSGL, said, "I got involved with discipleship ministries because it is a unique outlet of ministry. Girls on campus are able to be vulnerable with each other, and we are able to tackle issues/struggles together in order to grow closer to Christ." Samantha Maat said, "Being a DSGL has made me more aware of my inadequacies. Leading a group can be humbling at times, and it has constantly reminded me to turn to the Lord for wisdom and discernment." Christina Taylor, also a DSGL, said, "I would recommend a Discipleship Small Group to any student on campus who wants to dig deeper into God's word and

cultivate relationships in a small group. It's a great place when you need prayer or a place to share what God has been teaching you."

Prayer teams include Elijah's Fire, Prayer Force, and the Chapel Prayer Team. Elijah's Fire and Prayer Force, for men and women respectfully, meet weekly to pray for the needs of members and individuals on campus. The Chapel Prayer team meets each weekday during chapel, on a rotating schedule, to uplift each service in prayer.

Fit to be Tied is a mentoring program for seriously dating or engaged couples. This year long pre-marital preparation program includes meeting with a faculty/staff mentor couple and group meetings.

Sign ups for both discipleship groups and prayer teams will be September 5-8 in the lower level of the SSC, and applications are available in Christian Ministries for Fit to be Tied.

For more information on Discipleship Ministries, contact Mark Irving or visit www.cedarville.edu/discipleship.



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Ministry Opportunities

Sign up for Discipleship Small Groups or Prayer Teams next week - September 5-8, 2006 in the lower level of the SSC. Specific times or studies can be popular, so come early to get your first choice.

Miss the Volunteer Expo?
It's not too late to join a ministry. Visit www.cedarville.edu/community or see your Christian Ministries brochure for a list of ministries and contacts.

Seriously Dating or engaged?
Pick up an application for Fit to be Tied in Christian Ministries today.
Registration is open till September 8th.

Featured Ministry Resource Discipleship Journal

Discipleship Journal is a bi-monthly publication of NavPress in Colorado Springs. *DJ* focuses on a different topic each issue that is applicable to spiritual growth. Each issue, in addition to these articles, includes a study guide, discussion questions, and a wealth of other practical ministry resources great for use in small groups. Check out *DJ* as well as other magazines including *Children's Ministry Magazine*, *Group Magazine*, and *Leadership Journal* in the Ministry Resource Library in the Christian Ministries Office.

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

Matthew 4:19

If you have any questions about Community Ministries or Heart 2 Heart, contact Brynn Paine or stop by Christian Ministries in the DMC.