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School Planting

9 quick tips for pastoring students

As a school pastor, you have a crucial role in creating a strong sense of community in your school environment. Your students get to directly receive from the blessing of who you are as a spiritual leader. When you invite students to build connection with you and other members of your school, you allow them to experience God's design for community.

On the next few pages, we have provided some of our favorite keys to pastoring students in revival in both individual and corporate settings. We believe these strategies will help you develop a sense of family within your school! They will also help you lead students to experience greater measures of freedom and step into their identities as children of God.

As you read the tips, we encourage you to ask the Lord to highlight the specific ways you are called to build trust with your students and support their growth journeys. Most of all, trust the Holy Spirit operating through you! Believe that lives will be transformed as you freely love the ones He places in front of you and make room for Him to move.

The School Planting Team

PRAY FOR YOUR STUDENTS

Ask the Lord for prophetic insight and wisdom as you support your students to grow in intimacy with Him and one another. Prayer will also help you discern how to lead students on encounters with the Holy Spirit, activate them in spiritual gifts, and apply what they are learning in school.

ACTIVATION

Ask the Lord to highlight five students each week to pray for. Write down notes about each student in the space below. You can find more prayer pages on page 14.

Student: _____

Prayer: _____

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KNOW WHAT YOU CARRY

As a leader, it is important for students to experience your unique anointing and gifts. When you lead from your unique identity, you encourage your students to discover their own. We encourage you to teach and activate students from your personal encounters and breakthroughs as they carry impartation to foster growth in their lives.

ACTIVATION

Write down a powerful encounter or breakthrough you have recently experience. What can you teach on or impart to your students from the encounter or breakthrough? If you haven't received an encounter or breakthrough recently, we encourage you to seek the Lord for a fresh encounter or breakthrough.

LEAD WITH VULNERABILITY

To create an environment where students feel known and valued, they need to experience healthy levels of vulnerability. Set the tone for your school environment by demonstrating vulnerability. When you convey your heart to your students and invite them to know who you are, you build trust. By first practicing vulnerability, you invite students to also share vulnerably, opening them up to the support your community has to offer.

ACTIVATION

Write down some areas of vulnerability you can appropriately share with your students. What can you impart to your students to help them grow in vulnerability?

DEMONSTRATE SINCERETY

Students need to know you are genuinely concerned about them. We encourage you to check in with your students and provide space for them to verbalize their needs. This allows your school community to care for and champion them. For instance, if a student's family is experiencing difficult circumstances, you can take time to pray and prophesy over the student and his/her family. If you feel led, you can also invite students to provide for any practical needs (e.g. meals, donations, etc.).

ACTIVATION

Write down some possible situations that could come up and possible solutions so you are prepared for them when they come up. As you encounter various situations, record the testimonies that come from them. Another testimony page can be found on page 16.

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LEAD FROM CORE VALUES

As a leader, you hold a key role in establishing the culture within your school environment. We encourage you to develop your school's culture by pastoring students in light of your school core values. Also, create opportunities for students to practically incorporate core values into their lives. For example, if one of your school core values is, "God is good," invite students to share how they are experiencing His goodness.

ACTIVATION

Write down your school's core values. How do you incorporate them into your life? Write down some ways you can demonstrate and share your school's core values to your students. More Core Values pages on page 20.

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CAPITALIZE TEACHING MOMENTS

Ask students for permission to share about any prior conversations that revealed areas of growth or breakthrough. You can also invite those students to share and impart revelation they receive during class or other group settings. This will create greater levels of vulnerability and opportunities for activation.

ACTIVATION

Write down some lessons you've learned in your life. How can you share these lessons with your students?

ENCOURAGE RISK TAKING

Create a safe place for students to take risks without being punished. Developing this safe environment requires connection through relationship. Make sure to intentionally connect with students so that they feel known and safe to step out and take risk. As you encourage students to step into new levels of the supernatural, take time to disciple them on how to take risk in a way that demonstrates honor for others.

ACTIVATION

Write down some ideas for helping students take risk. Are there specific students you need to encourage this year to take greater risk? Take note of those students and intentionally invite them to take risks throughout the year.

CULTIVATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF FAITH

When you set a high expectation for how the Holy Spirit can move in your school, students' experiences will rise to that level of expectation. You can raise the ceiling of belief by sharing testimonies of breakthrough, releasing individual or corporate prophetic words, or declaring bold statements of faith that speak to how God desires to move in your students' lives.

ACTIVATION

Ask God what His expectations for this school year are. Are there some areas you are afraid to go after? Are there some areas that need growth in your school? Write down what He tells you along with an action plan on how to get there. Don't forget to include Holy Spirit in your action plan!

INCLUDE THE ENTIRE GROUP

Create a plan to connect with students who do not approach you or share in a group setting. At times, these students need some one-on-one connection to feel known and more confident to share with the entire group. You can also ask volunteers to check in with those students who need more group inclusion.

ACTIVATION

Write down the names of some students that are having a hard time connecting. What are some practical ways you can help them connect? You can find more prayer pages on page 22.

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SCHOOL PLANTING RESOURCES

Our team prays that you would be encouraged and full of expectancy as you begin the journey of launching your school! We invite you to discover more resources that will help you building a thriving school. To learn more, check out the individual resources below or contact our team by emailing schoolplanting@bethel.com. We would love to connect with you and support you as you begin this new, exciting journey!

School Planting Roadmap: Learn more about these topics by checking out the School Planting Roadmap on the BSSM School Planting Blog.

FMI: bssm.net/schoolplanting/blog.

BSSM Equip: Access powerful training and resources through an online platform that will equip your students to walk as revivalists.

FMI: bssmequip.com.

Equip Summit School Leaders Training: Receive training that will strengthen your school culture, leadership, and structure.

FMI: bssm.net/schoolplanting/events