

How To Find Your New Christian Community in College, II

What you'll need for this session: Six songs, nimble fingers and a dartboard.

➔ **Step 1: Pick your songs.**

➔ **Step 2: Throw a dart.**

➔ **Step 3: Narrow your options.**

My Campus Ministry Shopping List

<p>1. These are the campus ministries that were recommended to me by others, or that just sound interesting to me that I want to learn more about.</p> <p>2. Circle the three groups you plan on visting when you arrive on campus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••••••
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➔ **Step 4: Make a list of questions.**

What do I want to know about the campus ministries at my college or churches nearby?

Campus Ministries

- Weekly Fellowship Meeting
 - When is your first meeting of the fall term?
 - When and where are your meetings held?
 - How many students attend your weekly meeting?
 - What kind of worship team do you have?
 - How many students are on your worship team?
 - Who does the teaching at the weekly fellowship time – adults or staff? How do you like it?
- Small Group Bible studies
 - Do you have small group Bibles studies?
 - How many students are involved in small group Bible studies?
 - How are the Bible studies organized – by sex, co-ed, by year in school, by dorm?
 - Who leads the Bible studie – students or staff?
 - How can I get into a Bible study?
 - How can I lead a Bible study?
- Outreaches
 - Does your fellowship sponsor evangelistic outreaches on campus?
 - If so, how often?
- Training
 - How to share your faith in Christ.

- How to study the Bible.
- How to lead small group Bible studies.
- How to disciple others.
- How to help a new believer in Christ.
- Ministry leadership
- Retreats/Conferences
 - Do you have weekend retreats during the term for students on campus?
 - Do you have regional or national conferences for college students?
- Summer Missions Projects
 - Do you have short-term summer missions opportunities?
 - How many summer missions do you have and what countries are they in?
- Other:
 - Does your group have a doctrinal statement posted anywhere?
 - What do you like about your fellowship group?
 - What do you dislike about your group?
 - What reputation does my dorm have? (if you know your dorm.)
 - Are any of your fellowship students living in my dorm?
 - Do you have many students in your ministry who are in fraternities or sororities on campus?

Church

- Where do you attend church?
- What do you like about your church?
- Do many other students attend your church?
- What are some other churches students from your ministry attend?
- Does your fellowship offer rides to local churches on Sunday morning?

➔ **Step 5: Start the inquisition.**

➔ **Step 6: Enjoy your summer.**

➔ **Step 7: Narrow your options one last time.**

Finish the *My Campus Ministry Shopping List* chart above in Step 3.

Summary: Finding your next Christian community will not be easy. But a successful grad will take charge of their spiritual life and do the hard work of discerning where they should start looking their first week in college.

Next Session: How to decide on which Christian community to get involved with.