

UPRISING TEAM NIGHT

FALL 2021





WHY WE EXIST

MISSION + VISION

We exist to build meaningful relationships with students, inspiring them to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

— build meaningful relationships

We know without a doubt that everyone has a longing to be loved within real relationships. We recognize that everyone has a story and we dedicate ourselves to building trust and listening to the stories of our students to gain a greater understanding of who they are, help them see who God has created them to become, and learn how to care for them in the best way possible.

— know Jesus

We believe that Jesus is the hope of the world and because we personally know Him we have an unwavering desire to inspire our students to know Him as well. This is a process and is going to look different for each student, but no matter where they are at we want to help them take the next step in knowing Jesus just a little bit better.

— make Jesus known

Just as we are serving to make Jesus known to our students, we want to inspire them to make Him known to those around them.

MEASURABLE WINS

It can be hard to see success in youth ministry at times, but we believe that even the smallest step is a huge win and want to celebrate those with each other and our students.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

- Regularly attend Uprising
- Engage with a Life Group
- Participate in events outside of Uprising

KNOW JESUS

- Give their life to Jesus
- Engage in a worship community
- Take the next step to be baptized

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

- Serve at Uprising or Riverwood
- Participate in outreach opportunities
- Invite their friends to Uprising





MENTORS

CODE OF CONDUCT

Riverwood Church Community is an open, faith-community where people from all walks of life, economics, nationalities and personal histories can come to explore the Christian faith, be accepted where they are at and get connected to a faith community. At Riverwood, those who function in a role of leading, influence or teaching are expected to recognize that their leadership position within the church calls them to a higher standard and greater scrutiny as laid out in scripture. Those who choose to lead, teach and serve as a Riverwood Volunteer affirm their commitment to honour this Code of Conduct.

Riverwood leaders and teachers will be committed “champions” of Riverwood’s mission, vision, values and purposes, and will encourage others to assist in the implementation of these foundational beliefs. They agree to the Riverwood Statement of Faith and will refrain from advocating doctrines not in alignment with Riverwood doctrinal position or contrary to the Statement of Faith.

Find the Code of Conduct and Riverwood’s Statement of Faith at riverwood.cc/uprising-leaders

MENTOR EXPECTATIONS

—— personal growth

As we work to inspire our students to make Jesus known we first recognize that we must have a personal relationship with Jesus ourselves and take responsibility for our own growth. This means continually pursuing a relationship with Jesus and maintaining a commitment to living a Jesus-centred life based on the teachings of Scripture.

—— unity

We are stronger together and will guard the unity of our team at all costs. We will go out of our way to build relationship with each other, and will honour and respect all on our team.

—— communication

Schedules, databases and calendars are all assets to team communication. We will keep our notifications for Slack on and respond promptly when communication is happening. We will all be a part of building a culture of open communication, feedback and excellence.

—— commitment

We commit to being on time and fully present during Uprising and make being a part of Uprising a priority in our lives and strive for 100% engagement, participation and attendance. We commit to being big picture focused and are willing to do whatever it takes to serve the big picture, even if it is outside our roles.

—— real relationships

We will do whatever it takes and go out of our way to build real relationships with students and will step outside of our comfort zone to reach and impact the students that God has put in our path at Uprising.



LIFE GROUPS

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One of our biggest focuses is building real relationships with students and a great way that we can do this is to be intentional in our Life Groups and leveraging the 30+ minutes that we have with students each week. Our goal is not to have super rigid Life Groups where you have to adhere to a certain structure each week, but rather want to give you the freedom to develop your relationships however is best for your group. If that means having a discussion about the life lesson, taking time to talk about each other's weeks, or going outside to play a game together, do whatever you need to do to build relationships with your students and encourage students to build relationships with each other.

To help facilitate discussion each week you will be given questions to prompt conversation, however, it is not necessary that you use these. You will become the one who knows your group best so we trust you to use this time in whatever way works for the students you are building relationship with.

While you are given freedom to make the group your own, it is crucial that you take time to open the Bible and pray at some point during your Life Group.

MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR LIFE GROUP

—— follow up and invite back

Students need to know that they are wanted and a great way to do this is by following up with them during the week. Especially if there is a new student in your group, make an effort to contact them after Uprising to let them know how much you loved having them in your group and invite them back next week.

—— have fun together

Although we want to be a community where we discuss God and relevant topics with our students, that is not our only purpose. Think outside the typical “small group” formula and come up with fun things to do during your Life Group time (or have your students come up with ideas!)

—— have students take ownership

Allow students to take ownership of the group by having them plan games or activities during your life group. Instead of always reading scripture or praying, encourage your students to take turns. You could even start doing a snack each week by having the students take turns bringing food.

—— start a group chat

Building real relationships means investing in those relationships outside of Uprising nights. Start a group chat using iMessage, Instagram, Google Hangouts, or WhatsApp and check in with students throughout the week.

—— celebrate with your students

There is something so encouraging about other people joining in on the things that we are excited about or are celebrating. Whether it be a birthday or significant life event we want to celebrate with our students! We suggest putting your students birthdays in your calendar with a reminder so that one never goes missed!



EVENTS

FALL 2021 MS EVENTS

DATE	TYPE	THEME
Wednesday, September 15	Grade 6 Party	New Kids on the Block
Wednesday, September 22	Launch Party	Pumpkin Carnival
Friday, October 1	Vision Night	Come Alive
Wednesday, October 6, 13, 20	Life Groups	Tik Tok Theology
Wednesday, October 25	Halloween Party	
Wednesday, November 3	Life Groups	Asking For A Friend
No Uprising MS on Wednesday, November 10		
November 12-14	Uprising Camp	
Wednesday, November 19, 26	Life Groups	Asking For A Friend
Wednesday, December 1	Life Groups	Only Jesus
Wednesday, December 10	Worship Night	Only Jesus
Wednesday, December 15	Christmas Party	

No Uprising December 24, 31 and January 7

FALL 2021 HS EVENTS

DATE	TYPE	THEME
Friday, September 17	Grade 9 Party	New Kids on the Block
Friday, September 24	Launch Party	Light Up the Night
Friday, October 1	Vision Night	Come Alive
Friday, October 8, 15, 22	Life Groups	Tik Tok Theology
Friday, October 29	Halloween Party	
Friday, November 5	Life Groups	Asking For A Friend
November 12-14	Uprising Camp	
Friday, November 19, 26	Life Groups	Asking For A Friend
Friday, December 3	Life Groups	Only Jesus
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SERIES

— tik tok theology

When social media takes up so much of our time it's no wonder we've built our values on the trends online. However, we want to assess if following these align with the life God is calling us to.

— asking for a friend

During this series we will collect questions that students have about life, faith and God and take time to answer them.

— only Jesus

In our lives today there are countless people, causes, and trends fighting for our attention. But when it comes to our lives as Christ-followers we want to recognize that only Jesus deserves our adoration and praise.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

6:30 - 6:45	Team Rally
6:45 - 7:00	Ready for youth to arrive
7:00 - 7:15	Check-In & Hangout
7:15 - 7:45	Squad Wars/Activity
7:45-8:00	Life Lesson
8:00-8:35	Life Groups
8:45-9:00(MS)/9:30(HS)	Hangout/Activity
9:00(MS)/9:30(HS)	Clean Up



**once again it is
time for us to
come alive.**