

# **Horizon Summer Retreat Counselor Expectations**

## **I. Clear and Accurate Understanding of the Gospel**

The gospel can be condensed into these four points:

1. We are accountable to God.
2. Our problem is our sin against him.
3. God's solution is salvation through Jesus Christ.
4. We come to be included in that salvation by faith and repentance.

A Horizon summer retreat counselor is expected to understand and believe each of the four points and should feel at least moderately comfortable explaining the gospel. We strongly encourage to share the gospel intentionally at least twice throughout the retreat. This can be done in a combination of ways (tracts, pictures, verbally, reading through scripture, etc.).

## **II. Sincere and Faithful Commitment**

### **Before coming to the retreat:**

- Cultivate your personal loving relationship with Jesus
- Start praying for Horizon and the students especially ones under your care
- Establish an initial contact with your students (once the list is given to you)
  - Use the latest tech available to you: Facebook / Messenger / E-Mail / Texting
- Be sure to briefly introduce yourself to your small group.
- Share your passion and expectations for Horizon.
- Study all the retreat rules and policies
- Stay in contact with the counselor department pastor.

### **While at the retreat:**

When spending time with your students:

- Pray with and for your students
- Develop personal connections with the students
- Accompany the students or know their exact whereabouts always
- Be proactive and intentional — engage, have fun, and get real with them
- Imitate the attitude of Jesus

When working with Horizon staff:

- “Serve first, Share first, Start first”
- Work as a team
- Communicate with the pastors whenever necessary
- Attend all of the morning counselor meetings
- Be ready to serve beyond your role as a counselor/volunteer.

When sharing the gospel:

- **Present the gospel to each of your small group members (as was outlined above in section 1)**
- Know bible verses that relate to gospel sharing.
- Use your life testimony and any other gospel-sharing tools

**After the retreat:**

- Continuously pray for the students.
- Send a brief prayer/message/e-mail to each student shortly after the retreat
- Give helpful feedback and share all of your ideas and concerns
- Attend the Counselors/Volunteers appreciation event
- Please schedule to come to our post-retreat event (praise night or revival night)
- Come and join us next year!