

## What Happens in NCF Student Groups?

### *Nursing students meet together to...*

- ♦ Share their experiences, concerns, and joys
- ♦ Encourage each other to grow in their relationship with God
- ♦ Study the Bible to learn about caring for people, Christian foundations for nursing, and personal guidance and growth
- ♦ Pray for each other, their patients, and their classmates and faculty
- ♦ Make Christ known to their classmates, faculty, nursing colleagues and patients through their words and actions

#### **Effects of NCF groups:**

*"I saw Jesus' love through the Christian students and Bible discussions they invited me to attend. Now I have become a follower of Jesus Christ."*

*"It has been such an encouragement to get to know God better through sharing with others in NCF, applying the Bible to my personal life and nursing and seeing God work at our school."*

## Preparing to start a group

- ❖ **Reflect...** God is already working to prepare you and others for what He will do at your school of nursing. Anticipate what will happen when Jesus Christ becomes known to your fellow students and the faculty!
- ❖ **Talk...** with NCF staff or volunteers about beginning a local NCF group and review with them the information in the *NCF Student Group Info Packet*.
- ❖ **Pray...** Find one or more students to pray with you about the needs of fellow students and faculty at your school and the healthcare professionals you encounter. Ask God to give you wisdom and direction to begin NCF ministry on your campus.
- ❖ **Assess...** Talk with other students about their interest in meeting, topics to discuss, and their abilities to help plan and lead the group. Consult with a faculty member or administrator about school requirements for campus groups. If possible, find a faculty advisor to assist you with starting a group.

## Planning for Group Meetings

### ❖ *Set priorities for group activities based on the components for developing NCF student groups.*

- ♦ Spending time in God's Word and applying it to our personal lives and to nursing
- ♦ Building "community" among members by sharing joys and needs
- ♦ Praying for one's own needs and spiritual growth, others' needs, issues at school and in clinical areas
- ♦ Inviting new students to join the group
- ♦ Sharing the Good News of Jesus
- ♦ Meeting needs in your community

## *Components for developing NCF student groups*



### ❖ *Choose people to serve as leaders*

- ♦ A leader/coordinator is needed to help move the group forward
- ♦ Other leaders are needed to guide the group's activities such as Bible discussion, prayer, fun times and outreach activities

❖ *Set a date, time and place for the meeting*

- Choose a regular weekly or biweekly meeting time at lunch, before or after class, or in the evening--whenever most people can get together. More than one group meeting time may be needed to accommodate different schedules.
- Pick a classroom, dorm room, lounge, or apartment for a meeting place.

❖ *Get the word out*

- Publicize the meeting date, time, and place according to school procedures.
- Use flyers, e-mail, posters, class announcements, or campus newspaper.

❖ *Consider becoming an NCF-affiliated "chapter"*

- Contact [ncf@intervarsity.org](mailto:ncf@intervarsity.org) to receive a sample constitution/bylaws.
- Follow the policies and procedures for campus groups of your school.

❖ *NCF Student Group Info Packet*

Additional information and resources for starting and developing local NCF student groups can be requested from [ncf@intervarsity.org](mailto:ncf@intervarsity.org).

❖ *Mentors and Advisors*

Connect with NCF staff and volunteers or InterVarsity campus staff to help you prepare, plan, and build your NCF student group. They are available to guide, encourage and to pray with you. The *NCF Faculty Advisors Resource Kit* is available for purchase in the faculty section of the NCF website - [www.ncf-jcn.org](http://www.ncf-jcn.org).

❖ *Publications and Materials*

Select from many publications that have topics to match the needs of your group. There are multi-lesson Bible discussion guides, such as *Following Christ in Nursing*. The *Journal of Christian Nursing* has great articles that bring Christian perspective to nursing topics and issues. Books, such as *Spiritual Care: A Guide for Caregivers*, provide in-depth information on how to care for patients' spiritual needs. Special information and guidelines for leading Bible discussions and small groups are also available.

❖ *Conferences*

Attend local and/or national NCF and InterVarsity events that offer opportunities for personal and professional growth along with networking with other students and nurses.

Contact NCF via the web at [www.ncf-jcn.org](http://www.ncf-jcn.org), by e-mail [ncf@intervarsity.org](mailto:ncf@intervarsity.org), or phone 608-274-4823 x 402.

*We want to hear from you!!!*



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