

How to start a FCA Huddle!

Knowing that God has called you to start this Huddle and you have filled out a **Ministry Leadership Application**, here are the next steps in starting a Huddle (Campus) Ministry. Ministry Leadership Applications can be found on our website: www.bbfca.org. Go to the “campus” page, scroll down and click on MLA. Before your Huddle is official – you must fill this out.

1. Decide when the Huddle meets (before school, lunch), set the time, announce the time, and stick with it. Have a plan for 2 hour delays, and school cancellations.
2. Make sure you have your school's permission to meet. By law you have right's to do this, but it's always good to ask. This is student initiated, so a student should make the contact. Let your principal know what FCA is all about and when you would like to meet (Step 1).
3. Set up a date for your first meeting, make posters, invite student leaders, occasionally (if your budget allows) offer some food - food is always good.
4. Make sure that whoever shares at the first meeting, keeps it simple and short - to the point. It's best if you have students leading, but if you an adult, another teacher, coach, or myself to speak, just ask.
5. Familiarize yourself with your resources. If you would like me to provide some training, we can set up a time.
6. PRAY - before step 1, and all the way through each of these steps.

Remember – start simple – begin with your Huddle on campus first. Whether it is one or one hundred students, each life is important to God, each life can be impacted by God to create a godly ripple in your school! When you are established and running, look to increase your ministry impact by reaching coaches, the community, and recruiting for camp!

Once you have started your Huddle – HOW DO YOU GROW IT?

First thing in growing your Huddles - **have the right focus**. Begin with praying for your school, your peers, teachers, and administration. Then make sure your focus is on the mission of FCA - to present the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the churches. Keep that as your first priority - not large numbers, instead you should be Christ-centered.

Second thing - **promote your Huddle!** Make announcements, put up posters or signs (be creative), and personally invite others. If you are having a guest speaker come, you especially need to do all that you can in having people show up for your Huddle. There is nothing worse than making a guest speaker feel worthless when no one shows up at the Huddle.

Third thing - **make sure your Huddle is worth attending**. You have great news - you have hope - you have the source of all strength! When people arrive at your Huddle make sure they feel like they belong there – get them involved. Make sure they are encouraged with a simple nugget of truth. You don't need a deep or long Bible study, you need to be honest and genuine and open up God's Word to find encouragement. Your Huddle should be a place where they can become something. For example, some Huddles will take time to make a card, write a note, or make something.

Get students involved – by praying, sharing stories, reading verses, presenting a short lesson or devotional. Have kids involved in praying in groups, writing cards of encouragement to people at your school, etc. Some of the best Huddle reports have come from Huddles that the students led.

Campus Ministry - Ways to grow your Huddle!

Every athlete and coach needs a goal. So what is the goal of your Huddle? Here are a few goals that you should be establishing in your Huddles.

1. Meet regularly to pray for non-Christian friends and others in your school and community.
2. Adult and Student leaders should be prepared to share their faith. Spend time practicing and working together on how to share your faith.
3. Make sure you regularly present an opportunity for people to have a relationship with Christ.
4. Encourage those who attend your Huddle to be involved in a local church on a regular basis.
5. Make sure there is evidence of consistent time of Bible study and prayer in your life.
6. Make sure that your leadership team is meeting to plan our Huddle meetings.
7. Huddle members should help break down walls of discrimination by forming relationships with all different types or groups of people in your school.

Remember, the FCA Huddle at your school is your mission field! You don't have to do endless fund-raisers to travel to school, and you don't need a passport, your luggage, and medical shots - all you need is Christ to work through you!