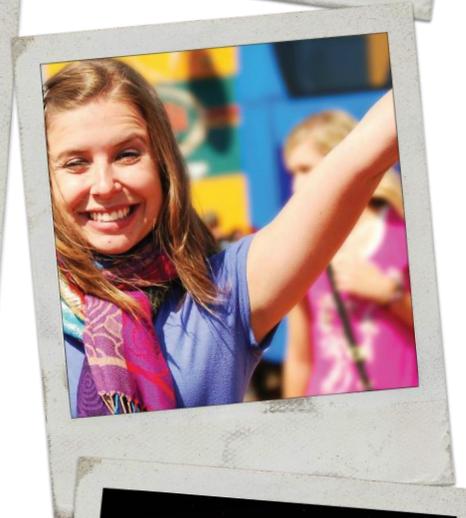
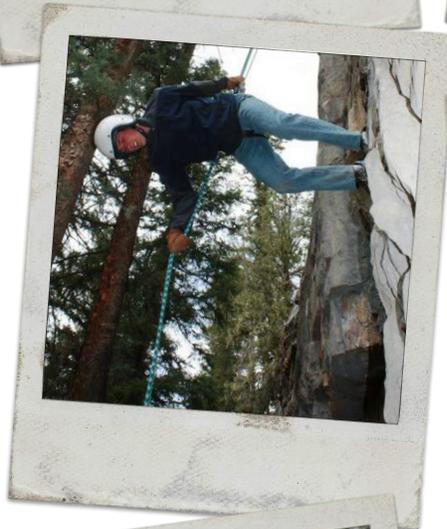
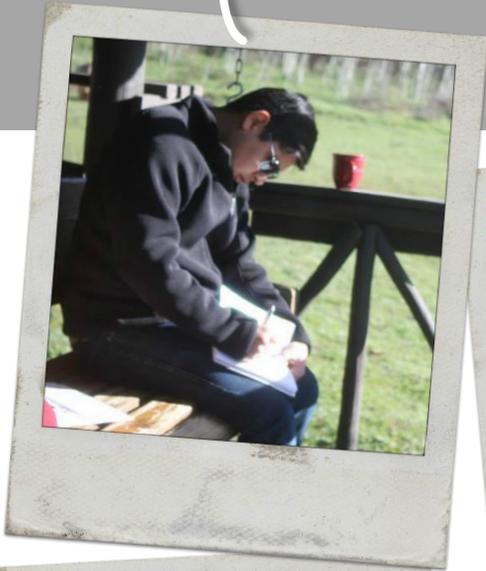


Maximizing Your

SUMMER





a guide for your **summer** PLANS & God's Call

This guide was created to help you clarify God's call on your life as you look to live in His will this summer.

The first half of this tool can be used to process your thoughts about your summer with God. The second half is about opportunities and can help you decide on a good summer option for you. You can use this as a personal journal or as a tool to discuss your summer plans with a friend, discipler, or in a Bible study.

Summer is a critical time **DURING COLLEGE**

It provides a much needed break from school and an opportunity to do all those things you didn't have time for during the year. For you, that might mean taking more classes, training for your future, or earning some much needed cash (hello to student loans!).

My initial thoughts and/or feelings about my summer are:

Throughout the Bible, God urges us to pursue a personal relationship with Him and have faith that produces action. Maybe that's already a reality in your life or perhaps it's something you want to be more true of yourself.

Whatever the case, God wants you to grow in your relationship with Him, glorify Him and increase your faith. Growth could mean going on a mission project with Master Plan or your church, working back home, or linking up with a Christian community on your campus.

Let's look at God's Word as well as your past, present and future to help you during the process of discerning God's will for your summer. Our hope is that this packet can encourage you to *trust* God for

BIG things!

Think about this: The God that created the universe knows the number of hairs on your head (Luke 12:7). He is present in your life and He knows what you need this summer. (Hebrews 13:5)

Take a few minutes and talk to God and do a throne check (See tinyurl.com/spiritfilledlife if you don't know what a throne check is).

Ask him how he wants to use your summer and listen for His response.

What do you think He desires for you in general this summer?



Stories of
ordinary people

WHO ENCOUNTER

GOD

Nick



"God has stretched me out of my comfort zone and showed me that I can be effective for Him if I trust Him in taking the steps. The Crush Fear summer project has made me more comfortable in sharing the Gospel and teaching in discipleship."



God calls each of us to live out his eternal, glorious mission. He creates us, shapes us and gives us talents. God even uses us in our weakness.

It is easy to look at the stories of people God used in the Bible as extraordinary heroes. But really, these were ordinary people, like you and me, which God used in extraordinary ways.

Read one or two of the following stories

Exodus 3:1- 4:17

Moses fled Egypt and was working as a shepherd.

Luke 5:1-11

Simon Peter was working at his father's small business.

John 4:1-26

The woman at the well was going about her normal day.



How did these people respond when they first encountered God?

How did God lead and provide for each of these people? What was the outcome of their experience?

In what ways can you relate to the fears, doubts or insecurities they had?

Throughout the Bible God called men and women out of their ordinary life to be a part of his mission. This summer is an opportunity for you to be used by God. Discerning how He is calling you takes courage but you will grow closer to God as you trust His lead.

God ^{is} **CALLING**
His People
into His Mission

HOW **is He** CALLING YOU?



Danielle

I have learned so much about God and grew in my relationship with Him through the Crush Fear summer project. God showed me how to have real fellowship and gave me a desire for the Great Commission. I was prepared in so many ways to influence others for Christ and got to see God work through me.

REMEMBERING

Your past
SUMMERS

It is often easier to walk with God when we are surrounded by believing friends and family. Going home for the summer sometimes can take us away from these positive situations and place us in negative ones. Have you experienced this?

What was your relationship with God like the past few summers?

What are some challenges you faced at home, work or in church that impacted your faith in summers past?

How have you grown in your personal faith at home during the summer time?

In the past few years, what were some negative and positive influences on your faith during the summer?

How have you served or showed the love of God to others over the past few summers?

What would you change about your past summer experiences?

HOW HAS *God* GIFTED YOU?

No two people were created the same. Each of us were fearfully and wonderfully made by God with a unique life ahead of us (Psalm 139:14). Understanding how God made you can help you discern how he wants to use you to carry out his will over the summer and for a lifetime.

My Strengths

Relationally, Spiritually, Intellectually, Socially

How can you use these to know God and make Him known more?

Check all areas in which you want to grow spiritually this summer.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> grow in my walk with God | <input type="checkbox"/> share the Gospel as a way of life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> trust God for big things | <input type="checkbox"/> desire to be real with others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> build deeper relationships with friends/family | <input type="checkbox"/> accountability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> understand God's character better | <input type="checkbox"/> learn how to transition to the Gospel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> understand God's grace in my life | <input type="checkbox"/> trust God in school work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> know God's Word better | <input type="checkbox"/> trust God to help prepare me for my future profession |
| <input type="checkbox"/> develop confidence in discipleship | <input type="checkbox"/> learn to pray |

THE WORD **STAY** IS USED 62 TIMES IN
the New Testament.

BUT **GO** is used 1,052 times!

Read Luke 9:57-10:20

What are some of the costs of following Jesus?

What were some of the risks the followers faced as they went on the mission trip?

What might have been some of the risks for the followers if they had stayed?

What do you think the disciples learned and experienced through their mission trip? What were the personal benefits? What were the ministry benefits?

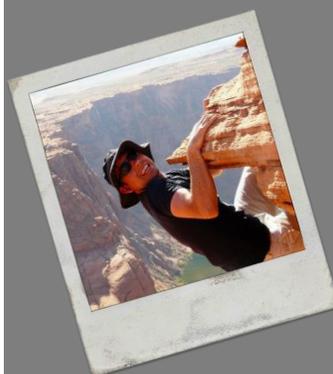
Personal Reflection

What might it look like if I stay home for the summer?

How may my and others' lives be different if I go?

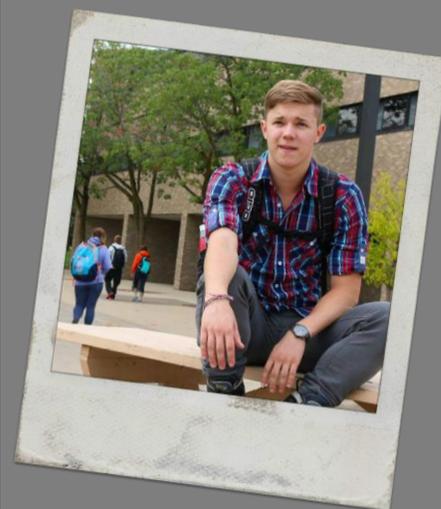


ONE SUMMER CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING



Read Matthew 28:19-20

Now that you've looked at God's word, your life, talents, and how He has called others before you, write how you think God might want you to use your summer.



Nathan

"I am much more confident in my faith now and I feel that I have more direction. I also now see a purpose in evangelism. Crush Fear was amazing and it was everything I hoped it would be."

God is reaching out to every person on the planet. We have so many opportunities to be involved in his mission and spread the knowledge of his love. The summer mission and training projects MPM offers are designed to build up students in their faith in order to help fulfill the Great Commission.

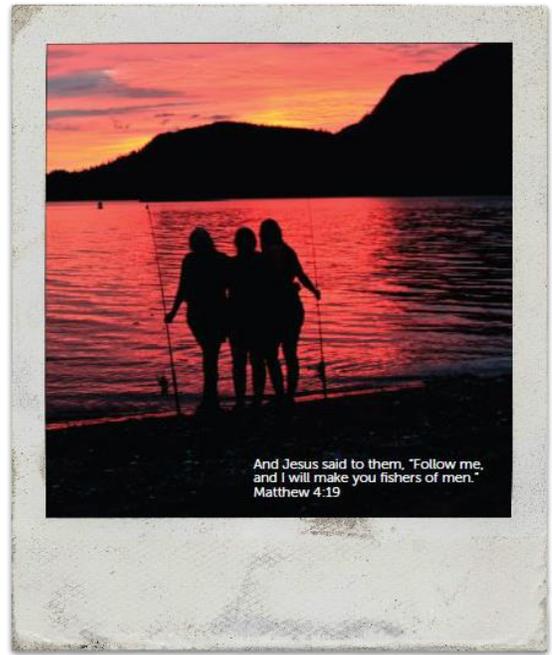
GOD

works through

SUMMER PROJECTS

& YOU

can be part of it



Avery

Through Crush Fear God has revealed so many things about myself and what I can do through Him. He's brought me so much peace and has given me confidence about sharing my faith. I really renewed my passion for Christ! I also learned ways to practically share my faith and I got some great resources.

Chris



I had a hard time making the decision to go on a Summer Project. It was an ongoing battle. I had a good foundation at home, a girlfriend, an amazing job, and I led a Bible study. I was really torn and prayed about it for months, and discovered that God wanted me to expand my horizons and trust him. In the end, support raising became my biggest obstacle. I even stood in front of the mailbox; shaking. I didn't want to let go of my \$400 deposit. When I finally let go I knew this was it—I needed to rely 100 percent on God. I'm a very frugal person and in my mindset asking all of my close friends, relatives, and people in my church for money was a handout. I remember writing lists of other ways to raise support. But God kept pointing me back to raising support and I continually crossed out my ill-conceived alternatives. I met up with a buddy who had raised support before and he explained that in sending letters and making phone calls I was giving people a unique opportunity to participate in God's work.

That's basically how God worked in my heart, that one conversation with a buddy, letting God speak through him and get through to me. I learned it wasn't a handout—it was a partnership. It was the first time I prayed to God and surrendered the situation to him. No matter how hard it got, I was going to try to rely on him. After that things began to happen, puzzle pieces began to click, and God started to work. Before I arrived in Chicago for Project, God provided 60% of my support, and then when I got to project I decided to write a check for the remainder. I never thought that money was an idol for me but it was. Once I let go God was able to work and I continued to see support come in during Project.

You're personally invited...

CRUSH FEAR

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
GREAT COMMISSION TRAINING



Have the time of your life while you learn how to prepare others to reach and influence the world for Christ!

What we believe about God is the most important thing about us. When we take steps of faith out of our comfort zone it exposes fears and lies we believe about God. Only then are we able to bring truth and light to those areas of darkness. This summer mission project is designed to do just that so you can walk away with a more intimate relationship with God and gain confidence in His will for your life. Come enjoy the great adventure the Lord has called you to when He said *"I have come that you may have life abundantly"* in John 10:10, and learn to truly obey the command to *"Go into all the world and make disciples..."* Matt 28:19. Come join us for a life changing summer you will never forget! The 17 day Crush Fear summer project is an outdoor adventure that equips you to better follow Jesus and expand His kingdom. The project is located at the beautiful Three Trails Ranch near the small mountain town of Durango, Colorado.

Some of the learning challenges will include:

- Growing in vulnerability with others as you share your life journey and past issues
- Leading your team on a backpacking trip through the vast Colorado wilderness with a simple map
- Public Speaking
- Bible teaching
- Growing in compassion toward the lost and sharing the message of the gospel with them
- Learning how to disciple others
- Class IV and V white water rafting, cliff rappelling, and other extreme sport activities
- Overcoming the fear of the unknown by spending a night alone in the wilderness
- Camping and overnight solo
- A lot more activities designed to give you confidence to live your life for the glory of God and the expanding of His Kingdom!

May 20th - June 5th **Cost: \$800** which covers all of your food, housing and activities.

Watch the video and apply at **CRUSHFEAR.COM**

You're invited...



THE GREAT COMMISSION LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

is designed for any believer, young or old, to equip you to fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus called you to fulfill.

By doing the process of the Great Commission of spiritual multiplication the entire world can literally be reached within our lifetime.

The workshop is Biblically based and has two parts. The first part will go over key leadership principles you need to know in order to be effective in ministry. The second part will help you lead the ministry you were designed by God to lead. You'll gain confidence in how to meet, disciple people and lead Bible studies.

The workshop is located at Three Trails Ranch outside Durango, Colorado and will cost \$150.

Activities: There will be free time each day and so much to do! There will be numerous afternoon free time activities including fishing, hiking, rock climbing, four wheeling, paintball, sightseeing, visiting Durango and other local areas, the Pagosa hot springs, etc. Some of these activities will be free and located on site, others will require travel and will be separate from the workshop cost.



Watch video and register at

GREATCOMMISSIONLEADERSHIP.COM/WORKSHOP

You're invited...



Regions of the world

- Europe
- East Asia
- South America
- Africa
- Middle East
- South Asia
- Central Asia
- Oceania



Length

- 1-2 weeks
- 3-5 weeks
- 6-12 weeks
- A Semester (Study Abroad)

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Reflection

Summer Project Option #1: _____

Option #1 Pros/Cons List

PROS



CONS



Are there any Scriptural reasons you can think of why God would not want you to go on a summer mission project?

What is the first step to take by faith? How will you take it?

What could hold you back from walking by faith in what God desires for your summer?

Go to TinyURL.com/LearnGodsWill for more help discerning God's plan for your summer.

Letter to God

Over the next week write a letter to God about how you feel about your summer plans. Include honest fears and legitimate complications and submit your summer to Him.

"Teach us to number our days that we may present to you a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

A large, vertically oriented sheet of lined paper with horizontal ruling lines, intended for writing a letter to God. The paper is cream-colored and has a dark border. The lines are evenly spaced and run horizontally across the page.