

# CREATIVE DISCIPLESHIP

Developing healthy spiritual habits is a crucial step toward spiritual growth for every follower of Christ. The Creative Discipleship Program is an incentive program designed to encourage your students in the development of Spiritual disciplines. It is NOT intended to be used simply to earn rewards. Help your students use this program as a platform to grow their faith and remain faithful to these spiritual disciplines even if they reach the maximum points for the program.

## ATTENDANCE - 40 POSSIBLE POINTS (Hebrews 10:24-25)

What we believe affects every area of our lives. Since God has made us interdependent to work together in one body, His church, attending a local church is vital for the study of and instruction from the Word of God.

Students can earn points for the first 20 student ministry meetings that they attend. **TWO POINTS** will be awarded for each student ministry meeting attended. *In order for any scholarships to be awarded, a student MUST attend a minimum of 20 student ministry meetings in their local church.* A fill-in-the-blank style page is available for every lesson to encourage interaction with the lesson each week.

## QUIET TIME - 200 POSSIBLE POINTS (1 Peter 2:2)

Quiet Time builds an intimate relationship and fellowship with God. Every follower of Jesus Christ should consistently spend time in God's Word and in prayer.

Students can earn points for the first 200 days of quiet time that they complete in a Word of Life Quiet Time Journal. **ONE POINT** will be awarded for each day completed. Students are encouraged to work with a small group leader to establish a goal for having a consistent quiet time with God throughout the year. Quiet Time devotional books are available for purchase at [wolstore.org](http://wolstore.org).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY - 120 POSSIBLE POINTS (Psalm 119:11)

One of the key ways to remain pure and articulate faith in Jesus Christ is to have several key verses of Scripture committed to memory. Having a systematic approach to memorizing Scripture will help you sin less and witness more.

The Creative Discipleship Program allows students to choose memory verse packs with the theme or topic of your choice. Each of the eight verses in the verse packs has a "Truth Focus" to help a student think through a personal application for the verse.

Students can earn points for the first 24 verses memorized. **FIVE POINTS** will be awarded for each verse memorized. To demonstrate that a verse has been memorized, students can write out or quote the verse to any student ministry staff member of the church.

All verses can be accessed digitally through the FREE Quizlet App. Using the Quizlet App, click on the magnifying glass in the top right-hand corner of the App and search for “WOLLCM.” (WOLLCM = Word of Life Local Church Ministries). You do not have to join a class to access the verses. Printed verse sheets are available for purchase at wolstore.org.

## **SERVICE - 80 POSSIBLE POINTS** (Matthew 22:37-29)

Since every believer is uniquely equipped and called by God’s love to serve and meet the needs of people around them, we want to encourage you to get into the habit of serving. We have developed a list of creative ideas you can be involved in as you glorify God through evangelistic and service opportunities.

Students can earn points for the first 16 service items completed. FIVE POINTS will be awarded for each service item. Students are encouraged to connect with a small group leader to set a goal for serving others this year. Several service ideas are listed in this book and on the Multiply App.

## **READING BOOKS - 60 POSSIBLE POINTS**

One good way to allow the lives of other Christians to help develop our character is by reading about their challenges and victories in Christ.

Students can earn points for the first 3 books read. TWENTY POINTS will be awarded for each book read. Reading the entire New Testament will count for 2 books. Students are encouraged to set a goal to help develop their character by reading three Christian books this year. A list of approved books can be found in the Resource Section of lcm.wol.org. If a book is not in the “approved list,” any non-fiction book with a specific Christian theme can be used if it is approved by the church’s youth ministry team.

## **BRINGING FRIENDS - 40 POSSIBLE POINTS** (John 1:41-42)

A great way to introduce students to Jesus is to have their Christian friends bring them to an event in your student ministry at church so you can begin the conversation with them about Jesus. God wants us to reach our friends with the Gospel.

Students can earn points for the first 2 friends that they bring to a student ministry meeting, student ministry event, church service, or church event. TWENTY POINTS will be awarded each time a different friend attends. When awarding points for bringing friends, please consider that the purpose of bringing friends is to help them understand how to begin a relationship Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS - 60 POSSIBLE POINTS (Acts 1:8)

Word of Life's founder, Jack Wyrzten aptly said, "It is the responsibility of every generation to reach their generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ." The most effective way to engage every student with the Gospel of Jesus is for students to have personal Gospel conversations with their friends. Making disciples who make disciples is the ultimate cause and it begins with having Gospel conversations.

Students can earn points for their first 6 Gospel Conversations. TEN POINTS will be awarded for each Gospel Conversation. A Gospel Conversation is defined as sharing the Gospel with someone who is not a follower of Jesus Christ. Make it your goal to have at least six Gospel Conversations this year, but don't stop there. Join the cause. Make Gospel conversations a part of your daily activity.

### Requirements for scholarship

If a student earns 500 points in the Creative Discipleship program within a ministry year, (June 1st–May 31st) that student will earn the several scholarships for Word of Life Camps and Bible Institute.

### WORD OF LIFE AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Word of Life offers the following three awards for every student who reaches a minimum of 500 points in the Creative Discipleship Program in one year:

1. **One FREE ticket to one Word of Life Reverb event.**
2. **One FREE week of Word of Life Summer Camp OR one weekend of Word of Life Snow Camp (New York) or Pursuit Camp (Florida).**
3. **A \$500 Scholarship for the Word of Life Bible Institute in Pottersville, New York or Hudson, Florida. For a list of other colleges that honor this scholarship, go to <http://lcm.wol.org/discipleship/>.**

**IMPORTANT:** For students to be eligible for Word of Life Awards and Scholarships, all requirements must be completed on or before May 31st of the award year. The Creative Discipleship Record Sheet or Multiply! App must be completed with all requirements achieved by May 31st. Connect with your Word of Life Ministry Coach for questions about the Creative Discipleship Program.

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Word of Life Bible Institute has other scholarships available, up to a potential of \$8,000. To find out more about these scholarships, please go to: <https://wordoflife.edu/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships/>

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. Care Package:** Encourage someone spiritually by sending a care package and note of encouragement with a verse of scripture.
- 2. Community Service:** Assist your church in ministering to a local public entity or an individual in the provision of repairs, maintenance, or meals.
- 3. Family Devotions:** Prepare a devotional and share it with family.
- 4. Follow-up of New Believer:** Meet with a new believer to guide them through a follow-up curriculum.
- 5. In-Church Presentation:** Take part in a segment of your church's worship service, ministry to children, or adults within the church.
- 6. Invitation Counseling:** Counsel an individual who responds to a message or Gospel presentation.
- 7. Meet a Need:** Meet an individual's practical/physical need to encourage them spiritually.
- 8. Ministry Assistance:** Complete a task or a project that helps your church, a Christian worker or a missionary in their ministry.
- 9. Missions Trip:** Participate in a mission trip.
- 10. Notes of Encouragement:** Write and distribute four notes to encourage someone in their walk with God.
- 11. Nursery/Babysitting:** Provide childcare for ministry-related purposes.
- 12. Public School Bible Study:** Take part in leading a Public-School Bible Study Group or bring a new person to the study group.
- 13. Teach/Preach:** Prepare a Bible message and share it with a group.
- 14. Team Gospel Presentation:** Participate with a group to take the gospel outside the walls of the church in a spoken presentation of the Gospel.
- 15. Tract Distribution Team:** Participate in an organized distribution of Gospel tracts at a location outside your local church.
- 16. Visitation:** Visit others for the purpose of ministering to their needs.

