



Student Information Package

Welcome

LIFE DTS Edmonton started in 2014, formerly known as Master's Commission Edmonton. We are thankful for our 3 years known as MC Edmonton that was created under Launch/MC Chilliwack that gave us a strong foundation.

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About

LIFE DTS is a Discipleship Training School dedicated to equipping young people with the tools they need to become active committed and disciplined followers of Christ.

OUR VISION:

“To empower young adults to live profoundly for Christ anywhere.”

OUR VALUES:

We value integrity, humility, authenticity, punctuality, excellence, honesty, consistency and kindness.

For who?

LIFE is for single young adults from the ages of 18-35

We believe that LIFE DTS is a program for everyone, regardless of how far along on your spiritual journey you are. We all have hangups and issues we need to work through, sometimes we are not even sure what it is until we give God the chance to work in our lives.

At LIFE we focus on building Godly character such as servanthood, selflessness, and confidence into our students; as well as working through personal issues such as insecurity, anger, fear, pride, and a variety of others. Even if you have been a Christian all your life, it is amazing to see the work and growth you experience when spending 10 months completely devoted to God.

You will build friendships, discover and learn more about who you are, and develop an intimate relationship with God if you make the most of these 10 months and put in the effort to revive and transform your life.

OUR BELIEFS:

We are hosted by a Victory Church and take on their statement of faith.

1. In one true and living God externally existing and revealed to us as the Father, creator of all living things; the son, Jesus Christ, God incarnate; and the Holy Spirit.

In the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, death for our sins, bodily resurrection, ascension under God, and imminent return in power and glory.

2. The scriptures are the inspired and complete revelation of God's will concerning man's salvation through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. That men are saved solely through faith in God's grace as displayed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3. In water baptism as a public declaration that a believer has died with Christ and risen with Him to walk a life of holiness and love.

In the unity of all true believers as members of the universal body of Christ regardless of denominational affiliation.

4. In the celebration of the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of Jesus. In the ministry of the Holy Spirit:

a. By the inward witness of salvation to the believer.

b. By daily guidance and growth of Christ-like character.

c. By the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and experience distinct from and following the new birth, evidenced initially by speaking with other tongues, and subsequently by the manifestation of spiritual power in the public testimony and service.

d. By the manifestation of the supernatural gifts of the Spirit as listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10.

5. That Jesus Christ is coming again to gather all His saints unto Himself. Those who have not accepted His redemptive work on their behalf will suffer separation from the Godhead eternally.

6. That following His return, Jesus Christ will rule and reign for one thousand years on earth. After this there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

L- Leadership

“Learn to lead, not from power but from humility.”

During the 10 months of this program you will develop many leadership skills. Whether it be communication with peers and leaders, boldness in speaking out in front of people, or humility in learning to put others before yourself. Here at LIFE we are devoted to raising up Christ-like leaders for today's generation.

I- Identity

“Embrace who you are, not who you *think* you are”

One of the biggest challenges in the world today is the struggle with identity and understanding ourselves. We are committed to helping young people discover who Christ has made them to be and how to live it out. We study a variety of books and audio teaching regarding these subjects such as “Becoming Who You Are” by Dutch Sheets, “The Search for Self-Worth” by Malcolm Smith, or “The Anger Trap” by Dr. Les Carter.

F- Freedom

“Discover the freedom that has already been won for you”

Spiritual bondage and heart issues such as anger, lust, depression, anxiety, fear, greed, loneliness, and selfishness are present in all of our lives in some form or another. It can be a constant struggle for most of us. Freedom from things such as these are one of the many miraculous things God can do in the lives of his children. At LIFE we work with the students and help them seek God and work through these issues that have held them captive, so that they may truly experience the freedom that God desires for them.

E- Empowerment

“Be equipped to be all you are made to be”

A huge issue in our generation is the lack of self-esteem, confidence, passion, and the “go with the flow” type of mentality. At LIFE we work at building confidence into each of our students. We create a safe atmosphere where our students are free to take risks and get to know God and themselves deeper. We work at empowering each student to go farther than they ever dreamed they could and live out their God given potential.

What to expect

Day to Day

Find out some of the aspects of what happens day to day in LIFE DTS.

Daily Worship & Prayer

Everyday we come together as a team and spend an hour praying and worshipping together. By taking time out of our day to spend with God we are able to get to know Him deeper, come to trust Him with all that we are going through, and ultimately develop an intimate and long lasting relationship with him.

Leader of the week & Morning Inspirations

Each week a different student has the opportunity to be “Leader of the week” (LOW). This student is given responsibilities and is able to develop and put into practice the leadership skills that they are learning. One of the main responsibilities of the LOW is to seek God and write a “Morning Inspiration” each day for that week. Morning Inspirations are your chance to share about something that you are going through, have learned in class, in your devotional time, or speak on anything else that God has been showing you. The LOW has other responsibilities such as; leading and delegating for church cleaning, end of the day clean up, as well as quiet study time. Being the leader of the week really stretches students to learn communication and cooperation skills as well begin to develop the confidence and discipline required to lead a group.

Daily Classes

Students have the opportunity to have class time with the Directors and/or staff. This is a wonderful time to gain Godly insight, and wisdom. We study a variety of books, audio, and video teachings such as “The Bait of Satan” by John Bevere, “Telling Each Other the Truth” by William Backus, and “Improving Your Serve” by Charles R. Swindoll, as well as many others.

Each student also has the opportunity to teach different chapters to the class, talking about what different aspects stood out to them, what they learned and how they can apply it to their life, as well as ask a question to the class for discussion. This is really beneficial as each student gets to know each other as well as really begin to discover what areas God is trying to stretch and grow them in personally.

Students need to be prepared for the academic demands of the program. They will be expected to use language arts skills in all 4 performance areas; speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Intern Meetings

Every Student is assigned to an Intern (a second year student) who serves as an accountability partner for them. Each week students have a meeting in which their intern checks their homework and keeps the student accountable to follow guidelines. However intern meetings are most beneficial in that they give the student an opportunity to discuss what they are going through, ask questions, and get wise counsel. Interns are look out for the best interests of their students. People really grow the best when they have a dependable leader that they are accountable to and trust to help them through all of the different struggles they may be facing.

Fellowship

Each day a student has the opportunity to fellowship with their classmates and LIFE's church community. It is an incredible feeling to know that you have a whole team that cares about you and is there to support you. Some of the best memories a students year at LIFE can be the fun moments and friendships that develop with their class and the church. One of our favourite sayings at LIFE is "Better Together" because when we work as a team we are so much stronger.

Houseparents

Every student that comes to the program gets placed with a house family. A house family is one of the families in our church willing to have a student live with them for the duration of the year. However, you are more than just living at their house, you become part of their family. House parents pray for, discipline,

and speak into the lives of their students. Having a house family is one of the major things that impact the life of every student.

Outreach & Servanthood

One of the major aspects of our program is the concept of servanthood and what it looks like to serve like Jesus did. Serving helps us build character and really helps us practically live out the example of Christ. We have a variety of incredible opportunities to serve our community and church.

Church Cleaning

Every week students get the chance to practically serve the church by cleaning the LIFE side of the building. This really helps develop a sense of humility as well as stewardship in the students, as it shows them how to practically help out as well as to take care of what God has given them at a level of excellence.

Work Projects

Occasionally we do work projects in our community, as well as in other churches that we visit. Work projects can range from a variety of different activities such as painting, cleaning houses, sanding floors, picking up garbage, and much more. Work projects really expose everyone to things that they have never done before and is a great opportunity to learn new skills as well as put into practice what the students have been learning in class. It is a true test of character, communication, and teamwork.

Seniors Outreach

Each week we do Seniors Outreach, students have the opportunity to go to the homes of Fort Road Victory Church's seniors, spending the afternoon with them. During Seniors Outreach students serve the seniors in any way they can by helping them around their house and/or yard, as well as sit and chat with them. This helps bridge the generation gap and allows students gain wisdom and insight from people who have more life experience. At the end of each month

LIFE hosts a seniors impact event where all the seniors of Fort Road Victory Church get together to worship, play games, and build community. "We are called to make an impact wherever we are at!"

Club Kidz/ Neighbourhood Youth

Fort Road Victory Church hosts Club Kids and Neighbourhood Youth which are Friday evening outreach ministries of the church. Each student is assigned to one of the two groups and has the opportunity to help and build relationships with the kids and leaders. This give students the opportunity to build leadership as well as basic mentoring skills. They have the opportunity to teach the gospel as well as show kids that they genuinely care about them and their lives. Serving in Youth and Club Kidz really pushes you to love like Jesus loved, even when it is not all fun and games.

Out of town Outreach

Each spring we go to a variety of different churches outside of Edmonton and serve them in multiple ways such as; work projects, youth services, Sunday services, community outreach, etc. Students get the opportunity to share their testimony publicly, perform skits, and possibly exercise a gifting they have. Outreach is one of the most fun but also most challenging times of the year. Students get to put into practice everything that they have learned so far as well as start pouring back into other people's lives.

Students have the opportunity to develop and grow their gifting in the second semester before the outreach season begins. Directors and staff may choose to press a student in an area they are not comfortable with for their benefit and growth.

There are as well different opportunities for students to grow creatively (based on the year); skits, testimonies, dance, worship, painting, etc. Students may get the opportunity to do these things in services on out of town outreaches.

The Leadership

Directors- Pastor Paul and Pastor Shelly Militsala

Together, Paul and Shelly have ministered extensively at Fort Road Victory Church for over 20 years. Their passion and vision for LIFE DTS is to see young adults live profoundly for Christ no matter where they are.

Staff-

The staff are individuals who have been a part of the program for 3 or more years. Carrying the directors heart they make the program possible by running the day to day aspects of LIFE.

Interns-

The interns are second year students. They come back because they have a heart to pour back into the next years students. Interns learn leadership responsibility while still maintaining the disciplines they gained in their first year.

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