

Missional Living in the Residence Halls

Goals: To inspire those living in the Residence Halls to pray about giving another year of living there. To inspire everyone to pray about where God would have them live the following year.

Openers:

- Who is someone that deeply influenced you in faith? What is/was the context of your relationship? (i.e. lived with them...went to school with them...worked with them...played on a sports team with them...etc)
- What was/is a highlight of living in the Residence Halls? What was/is something that is challenging?

Scripture:

John 1:14

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Digging Deeper:

Observations/Interpretations of the text

- Who is the Word? (Jesus!)
- What does it mean that Jesus made his dwelling among us? (he actually came to earth from heaven to be and live amongst us)
- Why do you think God chose to become flesh to carry out his rescue?
- Do you think he could have rescued people without living here on the earth? (And assuming he could have) what do you think would have been lost if he had sought to rescue us without becoming a human being and without living among us?
- Why was it important for John and others to “**see** his glory”?
- What does God’s incarnation (becoming flesh and living here on earth) tell us about God and how He carries out His work in the world?

Implications

- What is gained when we actually live with the people we are trying to reach?
- What are some unique, strategic opportunities that living in the dorms provides in our mission to reach Western for Jesus?
- What are reasons that living another year in the Residence Halls often seems so unattractive?
- How does the Bible passage help motivate you to consider ‘dwelling’ in the Residence Halls for another year? (or if you are off-campus--to think strategically and intentionally about your living situation next year)

Applications

- If you are currently living on campus--what are a couple of ways that you can help others in your Res. Hall to see the "glory" (the beauty) of Christ?
- If you are living off campus--who are some people you feel God is calling you to "dwell" with--to be present and available to? What is a way you could do that?
- Take time to pray for each other about your living situations next year. Ask for God's direction in this--and for a willingness to live wherever he is directing each of us to live--and the power to live intentionally in those places.