

STATEMENT ON CHRISTIAN LIVING & WITNESS

While we endeavor to encourage and hold one another accountable in every area of the Christian life, two areas merit special attention in the life of college students – alcohol use and sexuality, not because they are worse than other sins, but because they consistently cause harm and confusion. The abuse of alcohol and sexual sin are grounds for removal from leadership. Please ask our staff if you are unsure how to handle a specific situation. Also, if you struggle or fail in these areas, please talk to a staff member. We love you, will be gracious to you, and will always have the goal of helping you be restored to leadership.

ALCOHOL – Our ministry includes many under the age of 21 and students at a variety of maturity and experience levels. For these reasons, it is important for us as leaders and representatives of Jesus Christ to be above reproach in this area. Thus, we state clearly that to consume alcohol, you must be over 21; You should not provide or consume alcohol around underage people; You should not consume alcohol at any BSM event or together with multiple members of your small group; You should not post pictures of alcohol consumption online. Aside from these clear directives, we encourage you to wrestle with the following questions: Am I likely to cause another believer to stumble? Is my decision to drink wise and God-honoring? What is my motivation to experience this freedom? Am I willing to sacrifice my rights if it will further the Gospel and encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ? You must avoid illegal drug use /drug abuse.

SEXUALITY – Sex is good. God created it and called it good. Like all good gifts from God, sex can be misused and perverted. Your sexual purity is ESSENTIAL to your walk with God. Sexual sin affects your relationship with God more profoundly than most other sins. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20) Our bodies belong to GOD, not to ourselves. Since marriage is a metaphor for God's love for the church, sexual sin damages the witness of the church. Sexual immorality is ANY sexual contact outside of a man/woman in marriage. Since God doesn't want you to have premarital sex, neither does he want you to do that which PREPARES your body for premarital sex. Additionally, we should avoid being in situations rife with temptation for sexual sin or that give the appearance to others of sexual sin. (Ephesians 5:3). Lust and pornography are also sexual sins that can do much harm and lead to addiction. You must fight to avoid these.

Covenant:

I state that I will faithfully fulfill all duties required of me as a Lead Team Member, as well as, on my team(s) that I am serving on. I will also live up to the Statement on Christian Living and Witness.

Name (print): _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____