

*Our purpose and passion is to see students become rooted in Christ
and grow to be influential for His Kingdom.*

Small Group (Grades 6-12)

When it comes to environments for spiritual growth, we think circles are better than rows. This is why Small Groups are at the heart of our ministry. Hosted in homes all over DFW and led by young adult volunteers, we have about 110 Small Groups that meet throughout the school year. At Small Group, we spend time studying the Bible and talking about how its message applies to our lives.

Wake (Junior High)

Wake meets weekly on Sundays during all three services in Dallas (only during one service in both Plano and Fort Worth). With Wake, we aim to shatter the stereotype that church is boring. Everything is fun! The setting, volunteer leaders, music, skits, and games are all aimed at helping kids have a great time. Most importantly, the messages are meant to help students engage and understand how the Bible actually applies to our lives. These meetings are the perfect environment for newcomers to check out our student ministry. Adult leaders leverage Wake as a tool to energize Small Group relationships and welcome students to our ministry.

Shoreline (High School)

Shoreline is a monthly Wednesday night event for high school students (in Dallas and Plano) marked by fun, music, and practical teaching from the Bible. These meetings are the perfect environment for newcomers to check out our student ministry. Everyone's welcome! Leaders leverage Shoreline as a tool to energize Small Group relationships and welcome students to our ministry.

LEAD Team (High School)

LEAD (Leadership Education And Deployment) Team is for high school students who desire to serve as student leaders in the High School Ministry. As a member of LEAD Team, committed students are challenged to actively participate in ministry, encourage one another with like-minded community, and get equipped with specific leadership tools. Because this is a leadership position, Watermark membership is a requirement. LEAD Team meets every other Sunday night during the school year.

DTown (Grades 6-12)

DTown is our biggest (some would say best) event of the year! It's a local Friday through Sunday retreat hosted by Watermark's Dallas Campus and more than 100 homes around the church. The worship services and activities at DTown are designed for teens to have a ton of fun just hanging out with their friends. Most importantly, this weekend will interrupt their busy, stressed-out routine and give teens a chance to sit back and evaluate their relationships with God and with others.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the size of your student ministry?

We have never measured our success based on numbers. However, if someone wants to understand more about our approach to ministry, numbers can be helpful for context. Across our Dallas, Plano, and Fort Worth campuses, we have 15 staff, about 300 adult volunteers leading about 110 Small Groups, serving approximately 1,400 students in grades 6-12.

What commitment do you require for your adult volunteers?

Most of our adult leaders serve about three hours a week, and the commitment includes leading a weekly Small Group Bible study (typically on Wednesday night), serving at our weekly (Wake on Sundays) or monthly (Shoreline on Wednesdays) large group meetings, communicating with parents (via email) and students (via text), and attending an adult leaders' meeting about once a month.

We would love for our adult leaders to have a vision for devoting as many years as possible to the lives of specific students. Our leaders stay with the same group each year and continue to build on the relationships they have been fostering. Many will end up leading the same group from 6th grade until they graduate high school!

How do you form Small Groups? Are they open?

Small Groups are formed starting in 6th grade based on grade, gender, and geography. Students sign up using an online form. Small Groups for students are always open to adding new members. Once groups grow to a certain size, they sub-divide into discussion groups.

How do you get and keep so many adult volunteers?

Our team is populated by young adults mostly through word-of-mouth promotion. Some of our leaders find us through the church membership process. We believe our volunteers stick around because we entrust them with significant ministry. We consistently remind them of the eternal value of their role and strive to help leaders feel connected with the staff and with one another. We work diligently to keep them equipped for the task of spiritual leadership.

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