Laboring with the Lord Module

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE (ALLOW 90 MINUTES)

- Set aside at least 30-40 minutes to work through the "Vision" page.
- Take time to pray through the "Show stoppers" page and identify those that you think might affect you the most.

QUESTION TO DISCUSS OVER DINNER (ABOUT 60 MINUTES)

• What is one thing you are determined to accomplish in your lifetime?

VIDEO QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- 1) What did you hear?
- 2) What surprised you?
- 3) What encouraged you?

AFTER DINNER

1) READ ALUMNI TIPS

"I wish I had known...

- ...that it would be hard to make time for God. The discretionary time enjoyed in college screeches to a halt! Even though there were always tests, papers, etc., we could choose to put them aside and spend time with God as it would only affect us. You can't just put a work deadline on the back burner."
- ...that one of the hardest parts of the transition for me would be keeping a regular quiet time because of the various time demands of life in general and my own poor priorities. Satan doesn't want me to be with God, or learn from Him, or be influenced by Him in any way. And he is willing to throw the kitchen sink at me to keep me from what is best for me. This may seem elementary, but take on the perspective that it's a war out there and we need to "fight" for time with God because it is *good*."

...how important remembering the sovereignty of God would be."

2) DISCUSS THE NAV VISION: IT'S NOT JUST FOR COLLEGE! (30-40 MINUTES TO PREPARE, 20 TO DISCUSS)

What strikes you about The Navigators calling statement?

"To advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost."

Have you read The Nav vision for alumni"

- "Laborers or workers next door to everywhere. Ordinary people, in many walks of life, joyfully leading integrated lives and living as fruitful insiders among the lost."
 - What excites you about this vision?
 - What troubles you or causes confusion for you?

In light of the following scriptures, what would you like your life to look like in the next five years?

- o 2 Timothy 2:2
- o Acts 1:8
- o Matthew 9:36-38

What will it take for you to carry out this vision in your life?

Write some goals to help you move toward your vision regarding...

- The Word of God
- Community
- Lifestyle
- Accountability

What obstacles do you foresee and who could help you with them?

3) "Show Stoppers" – Things that could derail your vision (20-30 minutes to prepare/10 to share)

Highlight the 3-5 things that you feel pose the biggest threat/temptation for you? Find scripture to memorize and pray for yourself in each area you highlight.

(It's ok if you need to add something not on the list.)

- Materialism
- Dating relationships
- Purity issues
- Extreme focus on leisure activities
- Taking too much liberty in gray areas
- Lack of fellowship/accountability
- No time invested in walk with God
- Success at work/over working
- Post Modern thinking/New Age
- Addictions
- Good Causes
- Bitterness/unforgivingness
- TV/video games
- Time spent on the Internet/social media
- Undisciplined sleep schedule

4) ANTICIPATE TOGETHER (15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS)

- What things will stay the same about your Vision?
- What might look different?
- What can you do now to prepare?
- 5) Take time together to journal (about 15 minutes to write/reflect)
 - What concerns do you have about the "show stoppers"? What help will you need?

- What scripture would you like to begin to pray into your life?
- What vision do you have for how you would like to see God use your life?