

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a vast, open landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling hills with a mix of green and brown grass. A dirt road or path leads from the bottom center towards the horizon. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere. The overall color palette is muted, with earthy tones and greys.

# THE MONTANA GROWTH PROJECT

## **WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?**

DURING THE FIRST WEEK WE WILL BE FOCUSED ON INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM DEVELOPMENT AS WE BACKPACK ON THE EDGE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. PUSHING OURSELVES TO OUR PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL LIMITS, LEARNING FROM OUR LIMITATIONS AS WE PREPARE TO BE PUSHED TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIMITS IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THIS WEEK IS AIMED AT DROPPING DOWN MASKS AND BEING WHO GOD HAS CREATED EACH OF US TO BE.

THE SECOND WEEK WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF SERVICE PROJECTS AND RELATIONAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES. THIS MAY INCLUDE; PAINTING, CARPENTRY, HOME RESTORATION, CONCRETE WORK, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SPORTS OUTREACHES, YOUTH GROUP EVENTS AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES. THIS WEEK IS AIMED AT DISCOVERING THE JOY IN SERVICE IN GOD'S KINGDOM AND LOVING OTHERS IN HIS NAME. STUDENTS WILL BE CHALLENGED TO INTENTIONALLY DISCOVER THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTINGS AND DEVELOP THEM, WHILE ALSO LOOKING INTO DISCOVERING GOD'S CALLING ON THEIR LIVES.

## **WHAT IS THE MGP?**

THE MONTANA GROWTH PROJECT (MGP) IS A TWO WEEK EXPERIENCE DESIGNED TO HELP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GROW;

- IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL.
- IN LOVE AND APPRECIATION OF GOD'S CREATION, IN PARTICULAR HIS CHIEF CREATION - MAN.
- IN THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTINGS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CALLING.
- INTO NEW DEPTHS OF EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

WHILE SERVING OTHERS IN JESUS' NAME AND SPREADING THE GOSPEL.

## **HOW WILL WE GET THERE AND WHAT COST IS INVLOVED?**

WE WILL BE DRIVING DOWN IN VANS TO THE MISSION SITE OVER TWO DAYS ON THE WAY DOWN AND WAY BACK. THE COST IS DEPENDANT UPON THE US EXCHANGE RATE AND SIZE OF THE TEAM, THAT BEING SAID THE ESTIMATED COST IS BETWEEN \$1700 - \$2000 CAD PER PERSON.

WE HOPE TO RAISE THE MAJORITY OF THE FUNDS TOGETHER AS A TEAM, HOWEVER IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TEAM MEMBER TO ENSURE THEY RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.



## **WHY A GROWTH PROJECT?**

IN OUR CULTURE WE ARE OFTEN CREATURES OF ROUTINE AND STRUCTURE. THROUGHOUT CHILDHOOD THESE ROUTINES AND STRUCTURES GIVE US A SENSE OF SAFETY AND STABILITY. THESE GUIDES ARE BASED UPON OUR TEACHERS (THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER US SUCH AS PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SCHOOL TEACHERS, PASTORS, ETC.) UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT. IN THE TEENAGE YEARS, KIDS START TO CHALLENGE THESE GUIDES IN A DESIRE TO FIGURE OUT FOR THEMSELVES; WHAT THE WORLD IS LIKE, WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY FIT IN. THIS 'REBELLIOUS' STAGE IS REALLY THE BEGINNING OF THEIR LIFELONG JOURNEY INTO DISCOVERING WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY CAN ENGAGE WITH THE GOD OF FREEDOM.

THE LATTER TEENAGE YEARS ARE OFTEN CRUCIAL IN DETERMINING THE DIRECTION OF AN INDIVIDUALS JOURNEY WITH GOD IN THE DECADES TO COME. WILL THEY SEE A GOD OF ROUTINE RITUALS AND RESTRICTING LAWS? OR WILL THEY SEE A GOD OF LIFE GIVING RHYTHMS AND FREEDOM? A GROWTH PROJECT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO STEP OUTSIDE OF THE PRE-PROGRAMMED ROUTINE THEY ARE SO USED TO AND IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN A TIME OF SEEKING OUT GOD AND DISCOVERING WHO HE IS THROUGH CREATION AND SERVICE.

## **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

COME OUT TO OUR MGP INFO NIGHT ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 13TH, 7PM AT THE CHURCH. THIS WILL BE A CHANCE FOR YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS AND SEE A MORE DETAILED INTINERARY. APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH.

## **INTERESTING IN BEING A LEADER ON THE MGP?**

CONTACT GAVIN TODAY TO SET-UP AN INTERVIEW!

## **HAVE A FUNDRAISING IDEA?**

CONTACT GAVIN TODAY

## **WHO, WHEN AND WHERE?**

THE MGP IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE GRADUATING FROM GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 IN THE SPRING OF 2017. RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL FINISHES FOR THE 2016/17 YEAR WE WILL BE DRIVING TO SOUTHERN MONTANA FOR TWO WEEKS WITH LEADER TREKS. DURING OUR STAY WE WILL BE SPENDING A WEEK BACKPACKING IN THE BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST IN NORTHERN WYOMING. THE FOLLOWING WEEK WILL BE SPENT ON THE EDGE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION MINISTERING TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

WHO: THOSE GRADUATING FROM GRADES 9-12 IN THE SPRING OF 2017

DATES: JUNE 30TH - JULY 17TH, 2017

LOCATION: MONTANA

