



Dear Potential Small Group Leader:

We want to let you know how excited we are that you are interested in becoming a Small Group Leader at BreakThru 2010. We, as a ministry staff and planning board, have been making preparations for this event all year and are looking forward to the possibility of you joining us in following God's plan for BreakThru @ Timber Creek Camp. Perhaps more than any year in BT's recent history, we anticipate the freedom God will grant through his instruction and presence.

Being a Small Group Leader gives you the opportunity to grow spiritually as you serve others through teaching and leadership, develop Christian based friendships with youth in your small group, and are a part of the worship that defines this event. As you review the attached application, I encourage you to seek God's guidance. Allow these questions to bring you closer to the God who pursued relationship with you. This ministry is absolutely dependant on the direction of God, and we want you to follow our example in this dependence. Yours answers are important to us and are taken seriously in considering you for the role of Small Group Leader for BreakThru 2010.

On a practical note, it is important to remember that the youth minister with which you will be attending BreakThru is required to turn in your application **by November 14<sup>th</sup>**. You will want to complete this application as soon as possible. In doing this, you will allow the youth minister adequate time to check your references and secure your spot as a Small Group Leader at BreakThru 2010. Do them a favor and get this form back as soon as you can!

We are praying for you as you consider serving as a Small Group Leader at BreakThru 2010. We can assure you that in this role of service God will use you in mighty way. We look forward to working with you and are in strong anticipation of the ways that God will choose to work in and through you as you join with this ministry to make disciples.

Strength to Strength,

Ben Derrick  
Program Director  
BreakThru Ministries



BREAKTHRU 2010  
SMALL GROUP LEADER  
APPLICATION & COVENANT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address\* \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*if applicable

**SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND**

This section allows you an opportunity to give us some background on who you are and what Christ has been doing in your life. The information you provide is to help us understand a little more about you and experiences in your Christian walk. Please take the time necessary to prayerfully and adequately answer each question.

- 1. Describe in your own words when you accepted Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. **(Please skip question one if you have previously attended BreakThru as a SGL).**

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- 2. How have you seen God’s movement in the past year? Please give details that will allow us to truly understand your discernment of God’s activity in your life over the last 12 months.

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3. Tell us one of your favorite Scriptures *and* why.

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4. Tell us about your *current* involvement in a local church and in any other ministry organizations.

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5. Do you have previous experience as a Small Group Leader for any other ministries? If so, what do you feel you learned in this experience that will help you in your role at Break Thru?

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6. What person has had the most influence in your Christian walk and why?

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## CORE BELIEFS

1. The Bible is the Word of God; divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible rule of faith.
2. There is one true God existing eternally as the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God-Three persons.
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on Calvary, rose from the grave and ascended into Heaven to intercede for all people.
4. The Holy Spirit keeps believers current with Christ, assuring them of personal salvation, producing the fruit of God's character, and empowering for Christian witness.
5. Men and women are created in God's image, but because of sin, are tragically lost apart from God's redeeming grace.
6. All people live under God's mandate of repentance and through Christ are invited to be delivered from the guilt and power of sin and by faith in Christ restored to fellowship with Him.
7. All people who have lived in Christ will live eternally in Heaven, while eternal pain and separation from God awaits those who have rejected Christ.

## PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

### Purpose Statement

The purpose of BreakThru Ministries is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ so that people may:

**Receive** Christ as Lord and Savior,  
**Respond** to God's call on their life,  
**Renew** their passion for Kingdom building.

### Ministry Model

The BreakThru Ministries Student Retreat is an interdenominational retreat ministry consisting of multiple churches from the Southeast region. The retreat offers the highest quality of student programming as well as opportunities for evangelism, discipleship, and ministry training. Speakers, small groups, worship, recreation, and Bible study reflect a commitment to these three areas.

**Speakers** from throughout the BreakThru community are brought in to speak to the needs of teenagers. Opportunities are given to make a first time commitment to Christ, move to the next level of their Christian walk, or respond to a call to full time ministry.

**Small Groups** play a crucial role in a retreat of over 200 individuals. It is in the small group that a student shares, discusses, and has a chance to be mentored by a quality adult leader whose behavior will consistently exemplify Christ. Small Groups are the backbone of the student retreat.

**Worship** at the BreakThru Student Retreat is not limited to a certain element of programming. The invitation is to worship God through all activities. Whether it's music, hiking, teaching or fun - worship is the call.

**Recreation** has a dynamic purpose. Experiencing laughter, games, and excitement in a Christian setting can have a powerful impact on the student.

**Bible Study** is vital because there is no substitute for being in God's word. Each morning the Bible study leader will break the "bread of life" with students and share powerful truths.

***Whether a student is a non-believer or preparing for a call to vocational ministry, the BreakThru Student Retreat is committed to meeting the specific need of the student.***

## REFERENCES

Each Small Group Leader applicant is required to list three references below. All information for each reference is to be completed by applicant. These references **should not** include **any** of the ministers with whom you will attend BreakThru.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## COVENANT

All Small Group Leaders are required to sign covenants agreeing to certain principles and practices as determined by the leadership BreakThru Ministries. Please read each of the following and initial on the line provided at the end of each statement. **By initialing, you are agreeing that if at any time your leadership or actions are contrary to this covenant you will be held accountable by BreakThru Ministries.**

1. I have read the Core Beliefs and the Philosophy & Purpose statement, and I will conduct myself in accordance with these two documents. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I agree to attend the BreakThru Small Group Leader Training session as scheduled by the BreakThru minister at the church for which I am seeking to serve. I understand that without proper training for this specific event I will not be allowed to serve in the role of Small Group Leader. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I understand that I am seeking to attend BreakThru 2010 as a leader of students, rather than a primary participant, whose responsibilities include a role in security designed to enhance the experience for the students and to preserve their well being. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I understand that BreakThru Ministries has a policy of two deep. I am never to put myself in a private or secluded situation where I am one on one with any student that attends BreakThru 2010. Two leaders (Small Group Leaders or Full-time staff) must be present in any environment that contains students. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree that the above information is an accurate reflection of my spiritual journey and that I am to faithfully serve Christ at BreakThru in the manner in which I will be trained.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand by signing this document I am stating that I have **appropriately evaluated** this applicant and potential leader and **approve him/her with full endorsement** to serve as a Small Group Leader for BreakThru 2008.

Signature of Youth Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_