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greek life + campus organizations

## Know your identity

Often times people who jump into a fraternity, sorority or campus organization begin to put their identity in that organizations. The letters on a shirt or name on a resume begins to influence the way they think about themselves or how they are perceived by others. The whole process of rush and applications can crush you if you're not careful to know who you truly are in Christ.

- 1) Have you seen this play out with anyone you know?
- 2) What do you think you can do to make sure you guard yourself from this?

## Study

- 1) Read through John 1:9-12 and circle the description of someone who "receives Jesus."
- 2) Read through 1 Peter 2:9 and write down all of the different descriptions of God's people.
- 3) Read through Romans 8:14-17 and write down what God has done for you and who you are to Him.

Spend a couple of minutes putting all of these descriptions of who you are on a notecard and put it somewhere in your bible.

## Know what scripture says:

God's word is vital to not only help you grow in your faith, but also to help you know what is true when people are trying to point you in different directions. Daily time in the word and commitment to a group of people who are growing in their faith are important in navigating the pressures and temptations you'll face.

- 1) Read through 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17 and write down all of the ways that scripture is useful.
- 2) Read through Joshua 1:8 (it's referring to a few books in the Old Testament but the principle still applies) and write down how often it says we should be in the word.
- 3) Read through Philippians 4:8 and list out all of the different things that should fill our minds.
  - a. Do you think scripture points us towards a lot of these things?
  - b. Where else can we be reminded of these things?

## Know your purpose:

You were once in middle school and high school, you're now headed to college and will one day be in the work force. Your purpose as a follower of Jesus has and always will be the same. To honor Him, love His people and make Him known to the world.

- 1) Read through Colossians 3:17
  - a. What are some areas of your Greek life or campus organization experience where this could be played out?
  - b. What could hinder you from doing this?
- 2) Read through Mark 12:30-31
  - a. Who is the first person we should love? The second? The third?
  - b. Why do you think it's important to love other people?
- 3) Read through Matthew 28:19-20 and list out the commandments from God.
  - a. Who do you think these are designated towards?
  - b. What are some practical ways you could do these things in your fraternity, sorority or campus organization?

Spend some time praying for discernment on if you should even join one of these organizations. They are neither bad or good, but an opportunity to make Jesus known in places that he might not be known. You'll build friendship and community no matter where God takes you, but he may be leading you into one of these places for a reason.