

Target Goals for Graduating Seniors from Hope Fellowship
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The following areas are listed in order of priority with the first goal as highest priority.

1. **Relationship with God- Has a vibrant, authentic relationship with God.**

(To be covered in Jr. High/Sr. High SS and youth group)

2. **Character** (To be covered in Jr. High/Sr. High SS and youth group)

- Demonstrates integrity in speech and behavior
- Has the courage to stand for one's personal convictions
- Loves God and loves their fellow man
- Demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
- Has a servant spirit
- Is kind and compassionate, especially to the marginalized

3. **Life Skills** (To be covered in the youth groups; when noted as Jr. High indicates that training can begin at the junior high level, but not necessarily limited to Jr. High)

- Develop a personal philosophy of dating and choosing a mate based on the Bible
- Develop good conflict resolution skills
- Demonstrate the ability to relate well to those in authority *Jr. High*
- Demonstrate the ability to be a contributing member of a church *Jr. High*
- Demonstrate the ability to present the Gospel to someone. *Jr. High*
- Demonstrate the ability to have a consistent time of personal prayer and Bible study that is life transforming *Jr. High*
- Understands and is able to use basic Bible study skills and methods of interpreting Scripture *Jr. High*
- Develop a personal budget and learn basic principles of saving, investing, giving, and managing money.
- Be able to describe and explain principles behind healthy relationships
- Be able to articulate what it means to live under grace rather than under the law
- Develop a personal plan for spiritual growth *Jr. High*
- Is able to resist peer pressure and temptations *Jr. High*
- Understands who they are in Christ and accepts themselves *Jr. High*
- Has a beginning understanding of their personal design, spiritual gifts, passions, personality style, etc.
- Understand how God's calling influences career choices.
- Has participated in serving in the worship service on Youth Sundays (5th Sundays throughout the year.) *Jr. High*
- Ability to discern a healthy church or organization

4. Mastery of Basic Bible Doctrine (EFCA Doctrinal Statement), what we believe and the Scriptural basis for the belief. (To be covered in Jr. High/Sr. High SS)

- The Trinity and Deity of Christ
- The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- The Inspiration and Inerrancy of Scripture
- Salvation by grace through faith (What is the Gospel, repentance, faith, justification, sanctification, regeneration)
- The nature of man and sin
- Angels, demons, and Satan
- The nature of and importance of the church
- Baptism and the Lord's Table
- Heaven and Hell
- The Second Coming of Christ

5. Apologetics and Worldview (To be covered in Jr. High/Sr. High SS; where noted Jr. High indicates training can begin in Jr. High but not necessarily limited to Jr. High)

- Be able to answer common objections to Christianity (Are the Heathen lost? Is Christianity a crutch? Aren't there many ways to God? All religions are the same. Church people are a bunch of hypocrites. What about evil and suffering?)
- Be able to identify different views of truth. *Jr. High*
- Be able to explain how we know what we know is true. *Jr. High*
- Be able to explain naturalism and how it influences ethics
- Be able to articulate a Biblical view of abortion, artificial reproduction and cloning, euthanasia, environmental issues, the dignity of man, the poor.
- Be able to argue the case for the Deity of Christ *Jr. High*
- Be able to explain the Biblical foundation for moral purity and modesty. *Jr. High*
- Be able to intelligently discuss the issues concerning evolution and creation regarding the origin of the universe and the origin of life *Jr. High- a little introduction at a simple level possibly using videotapes from Summit curriculum*

6. Basic understanding of distinctions within and without Christendom. (Sr. High SS)

- Understanding differences between Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants
- Understanding distinctions of different denominations
- Understanding differences between Pentecostal, Charismatic, and non-Charismatic groups
- Understanding differences between conservative and liberal theology
- Be able to articulate the fundamental differences between Christianity and cults such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Christian Science.
- Be able to articulate the fundamental differences between Christianity and world religions such as Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, and Hinduism.