

# Spiritual Commitment

Huntingdon Alliance Youth Ministry exists to **CARE** for non-Christian students in practical ways, **COMMUNICATE** the Good News of Jesus among them, **CONNECT** receptive ones with other Christians, and **COACH** believing ones to **CELEBRATE** God in every area of their lives.

5 – **PRECONCEIVERS** – These are non-Christians who are uninterested in and/or unaware of anything that has to do with Jesus Christ. For the most part, these will be students who have negative preconceptions about Christianity for whatever reason(s). They want nothing to do with being a Christian and may even be hostile toward any mention of Christian beliefs. They are not yet receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ, but they may appreciate acts of kindness. In most cases, all that can be done for these people is to care for them in practical ways.

4 – **PERCEIVERS** – These are also non-Christian students, but they show signs of being open to hearing the message of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. They are willing to listen and maybe give some thought to it, but they're not yet willing to explore the truths of God for themselves. In many cases, these are students who are going through something in their lives that is causing them to perceive their own spiritual needs and they are scanning to see who might have some good answers. What they need is someone to communicate the gospel to them in a way that they can understand and relate to, a way that fits their own life experience.

3 – **RECEIVERS** – These are the students whose beliefs are at a critical point of decision. Some may be non-Christians who are "not far from the Kingdom of Heaven" yet have not yet entered it by receiving Christ. They are still exploring the Good News message and are receptive to its claims but have not yet decided to trust Jesus with their lives. Others in this group may have decided to entrust their lives to Christ, but for the most part remain in a state of being disconnected from other Christians, the Body of Christ. They may even be committed to personal spiritual growth, but they see little need for doing so within the context of mutual commitment and submission with a fellowship of believers. What receivers need most is to be connected with other Christians.

2 – **BELIEVERS** – These are Christian students who have committed themselves to personal growth with other Christians who can mentor them. They are actively involved in a community of faith as a learner. They need someone who is willing and able to coach them toward spiritual health.

1 – **CONCEIVERS** – These are Christian students who are not only committed to personal growth, but also the expansion of the Kingdom of God. They take initiative to fulfill a ministry role in the Kingdom of God. They are called conceivers because the mission of the Kingdom has become real to them and they have become engaged in implanting and nurturing Kingdom seeds in others. They need to celebrate the presence and power of God at work in their own lives and in the lives of others. They need to let their lives become a greater and greater celebration of who God is and who He has made them to be.

