

MEANING OF COMMUNITY TO STUDENTS AT THE BCM

An Ethnographic Research Project

Anne Morris

Courtney Benson

Jocelyn Escobedo

Niah Kimbrough

STUDY SUMMARY

- **To explore and define the significance of community to the students of the Kennesaw State Baptist Collegiate Ministry.**
- **To explore and understand the social climate and its environment for students provided by the Kennesaw State Baptist Collegiate Ministry.**
- **To understand and define the personal significance behind student involvement in the Kennesaw State Baptist Collegiate Ministry and its role in their personal and academic lives.**

FINDINGS OVERVIEW

INTERACTIONS WITH INTENT

PERSONAL GROWTH

FREEDOM TO BE THEMSELVES

The BCM provides opportunity for growth and a space for transparency.

It provides its students with skills and confidence to navigate life with – through INTERACTIONS.

METHODOLOGY

- **STUDY INTERACTIONS VIA OBSERVING AND INTERVIEWING**
 - **DATA CARDS TO CONDENSE DATA**
 - **PATTERNS & CONCEPTS**

OBSERVATIONS

- **BCM holds different weekly events**
 - **Thursday Men's Bible Study**
 - **Tuesday Night Worship**
- **Observing group interactions overall**

OBSERVATIONS

THURSDAY

- **Insight into behavior in a smaller group**
- **Focus on more specific fellowship, discussion, and discipleship**

TUESDAY

- **Insight into larger group interactions**
- **More formal gathering**
- **Large-group fellowship**

PARTICIPANTS

- **Evident student leaders**
- **Chase – current student**
- **Megan – former student, now employee**

INTERVIEWS

- **OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS**
- **EXPLANATION OF PROJECT AND PROCEDURE**

CHASE

- **Senior Mechanical Engineering student**
- **Discipleship leader**
- "The question here is not whether or not you fit in. It's HOW you fit in."

MEGAN

- **Part-time campus minister**
- **Heart for international students**
- "Investment in students is a big value. We want to be known as a hospitable group...hopefully, when people walk in the door, someone says hi to them.....being known is a big value."

ANALYSIS

- **SORTING OUR FINDINGS**
- **ANALYSIS AT MACRO AND MICRO LEVELS**
- **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & SOCIALIZATION
WITH INTENT**

SAFE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Space for discussion**
- **A place of comfort**

SOCIAL BELONGING

- **Door is always open**
- **Acceptance, being known**

TRANSPARENCY & PERSONAL GROWTH

- **Investment and leadership**
- **Encouragement of being genuine**

CONCLUSION

COMMUNITY MEANS...

SOCIALIZATION WITH INTENT

TRANSPARENCY

BELONGING WITH OTHERS

THANK YOU