

ACTS Revolution Club Strategy

The ACTS Revolution Club Strategy equips students to establish student-initiated, student-led, Great Commission-oriented campus clubs under the guidelines of the Equal Access Act. The purpose of these club meetings is for accountability, outreach and follow-up!

Key Elements to the ACTS Revolution Club Strategy:

1. A multi-denominational team of youth ministers/workers
2. A defined campus ministry strategy

The Game

The game analogy is a great way to illustrate the ACTS Revolution. No game is complete without each of these four components: players, coaches, umpires/referees, and fans.

The Coaches

The foundation of the strategy is a team of youth ministers/workers from evangelical churches which encourage and educate the students as they implement the strategy. This “team” meets regularly to hold one another accountable to the strategy and evaluate what God is doing on the campuses in their community.

There are two kinds of coaches. The Primary Coach is a local church youth minister/worker who is plugged in to the local team/network. The Primary Coach takes the responsibility of coaching the Student Leaders from one specific campus club. The Primary Coach meets with them at least once every four weeks to assist them in planning the ACTS Revolution.

The Assistant Coach is also a local church youth minister/worker who is plugged in to the local network. The Assistant Coach assists the Primary Coach in his or her responsibilities. A youth minister/worker can be a Primary Coach for one school and an Assistant Coach for as many as he or she would like.

The Players

The ACTS Revolution is student-led. In fact, the greatest influence on a teenager is another teenager. So it only makes sense to equip the students with the plan and “coach” them as they “play in the game.”

According to the George Gallup Poll, the top three influences on teens in 1960s were:

1. parents
2. teachers
3. spiritual leaders

The top three influences in the 1990s are:

1. friends
2. music/media
3. parents

(Teachers are now sixth and spiritual leaders are now 17th.)

So, the bottom line: students reach students!

The Umpires

Each club has a Faculty Volunteer present at meetings to ensure that school and district policies are not violated. The Faculty Volunteer's role is to make sure the game is being played within the boundaries.

The Fans

Perhaps the most overlooked component of a game are the fans. Who wants to play in an empty arena? But when the crowd is present, understands the game and is cheering for their team, the level of play always seems to rise. Likewise, without the prayers of the church members and vocal support from a pastor with a vision to reach students, the ACTS Revolution will not be as effective as it can be.

The Playbook

The playbook is a simple four-week cycle called the ACTS Revolution. The term "revolution" is used because every four weeks the students complete the four-week cycle, which is one revolution. Hopefully, this will soon lead to a spiritual revolution! Here are the four weeks:

1. *Accountability Week*

This is a time during which students hold one another accountable for:

- what they learn though their local church and personal time with God
- for whom are they are praying
- a lifetime

2. Challenge Week

This is the club meeting that is focused on motivating students to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

3. Testimonies and Prayer Week

This club meeting provides students with an opportunity to share how they became Christians and focus their prayers on specific lost students.

4. Seek Week

This club meeting is designed to create a non-threatening environment in which the simple, clear gospel message is presented, and students are given the opportunity to respond on a comment card.

After a student has surrendered to Jesus during Seek Week, the student who invited the new convert should involve the new believer into his or her accountability group and nurture the new believer (following the principles in the Follow-up Guide). This should include helping the new believer get involved in a local church.

The ACTS Revolution is currently being implemented by several local church-assisting organizations and several thousand local churches.

The information contained here is not comprehensive. A foundation must be laid prior to implementing this strategy in your community. A multi-denominational team must be established. Also, youth minister/worker and student leader training must take place. Currently, there are approximately 100 consultants who are equipped to provide training. There is no cost for training.

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