

Optional Pre-work exercises:

Vision Dreaming Exercise:

Imagine you are hosting a senior night in 5 years. Someone who graduated this year returns to the chapter and hears a senior give testimony about how the chapter has grown during their past four years. They write a letter to one of their peers who could not be at the event. This alumnus describes the fruit of the decisions made at CFW this year. What would they write?

Give them time to write letter and then take turns reading them to each other. If not enough time during Sunday evening session another option is to sprinkle them throughout the week.

Debrief each letter:

What did you hear?

What are you learning about yourself? The chapter? The campus? God?

What are next steps?

SWOT Analysis (optional pre-course):

Session Objectives

1. Create a space for students and staff to reflect on this past year of ministry together.
2. During this workshop, take time to acknowledge things that went well. Make sure to celebrate them and give thanks together.
3. There will be other things that grieve us. Name them. Take some time to mourn and even repent if needed. Petition the Lord to be at work in and through us.
4. Finally, this workshop should generate a spirit of creativity and hope. As hope begin to dream together about the opportunities and untapped potential on our campus and in ourselves.

Key activity: Fill out SWOT Grid as a community for each of the **Chapter Growth Drivers (NSO, Follow Up and Multiplying SG's)**. You may also want to pick other key drivers for chapter that need to be evaluated prior to planning process at CFW (Large Group, Conferences, etc)

SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Here are some longer descriptions to help you.

Strengths: obvious ways this ministry practice/philosophy has successfully advanced/complimented ministry on campus

Weaknesses: obvious ways this ministry practice/philosophy has decreased/distracted from your ministry on campus

Opportunities: other ideas/ways ministry practice/philosophy could grow in influence and impact back on campus

Threats: other ideas/ways ministry practice/philosophy could cause trouble/ to ministry back on campus

Outline:

(5 min) Give a Biblical apologetic for why it is important to look back. To celebrate. To grieve. To recognize God's faithfulness and activity. To inspire towards growth in future.

(15 minutes) Every person to grab a different color marker. All at once they should circulate around the room and interact with each of the posted sheets (see example grids below).

See Student Manual for SWOT grid

(30 minutes) We will then walk through each category as a community to engage each topic. For each driver, it would be good to walk through it using the OIA process. Spend about 10 minutes per category, depending upon how many drivers you have.

Observation: What do we hear/see?

Interpretation: What does it mean?

Application: How is the Lord calling us to respond?

While, it will be good to start asking the question about how we should be responding there will not be adequate time or space in this session to arrive at many answers. Affirm that this is okay, and that this is something we will be returning to while at CFW.

(10 minutes) Close with a short vision cast for how this sets us up well as we head into CFW. Pray that the Lord may humble and gift us with words of wisdom, plans of creativity and be working through us to have missional impact back on campus.

Additional ideas for consideration:

1. Save the posted sheets and bring them to CFW with you. Post them on the walls of your LT Track team location. When it comes to the corresponding planning time take time to re-read SWOT list to get an accurate picture of reality again before jumping into planning.
2. Consider a 2.0 SWOT Type of Evaluation and print off the AFR Chapter Trend Report and use this data to walk through the OIA process again.