

# Defining our Cause

“Defining our Cause” is designed to give you direction as your Valor Movement develops on your campus.

Cru, formerly Campus Crusade for Christ, started in 1951 at UCLA by Bill and Vonette Bright. There are currently about 30 ministries under the umbrella of cru. The Campus Ministry is one of them – that’s us. Since the beginning, God has called cru to help fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) in this generation by **winning, building** and **sending**.

## Our Mission:

Turn lost cadets, midshipmen and veterans into Christ-centered laborers in order to transform the nations of the world through the militaries of the world. (Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 9:36-38)

This is what our mission means:

- Taking the initiative to share our faith so that every cadet/midshipmen/vet on every campus can hear the gospel in an attractive, meaningful manner (Win) Col. 1:28, Rom 10:13-14
- Offering a place where Christian cadets/midshipmen/vets can connect with other Christians and grow in their faith (Build) Eph 2:10; 2 Tim 2:2
- Commissioning cadets/midshipmen/vets to walk with God as life long laborers and have an impact for Christ while student and throughout the military community (Send) 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Rev. 5:9; Rom 12:1-2; Matt. 24:14

## Our Source:

We know that apart from Christ we can do nothing. So all the above is fruitless if we do not depend on the Lord to work in and through us.

1. The Holy Spirit is the One who glorifies Christ. When we placed our trust in Christ as Savior and Lord, he opened our lives by His Holy Spirit. Jesus said many things about Him:

- He is our helper. (John 14:26;15:26)
- He is our teacher. (John 16:13)
- He gives us the power to share Christ with others. (Acts 2:8)
- The Holy Spirit does not focus on Himself, He glorifies Christ. (John 16:14)
- The Holy Spirit develops His character in our lives. (Gal. 5:22-23)

You’ll learn more about this as you talk with your staff coach.

2. Prayer. God longs for every person to know Him. He wants us to depend on Him. One of the best ways to demonstrate our dependence and faith is simply by talking with the Lord about what is on our hearts, minds and what we long for Him to do on the campus.

- Ask the Lord to increase your faith (Phil 1:9-11; Col 1:9-12; Col. 3:16)
- Ask the Lord to open the hearts of people on campus so they will be open to the gospel and respond in faith to Jesus' love and forgiveness (Matt. 7:7-11)
- Remember, even if only a few of you are praying together, Jesus is there with you (Matt. 18:20)

### **Our Scope:**

***Every cadet, every midshipman and every vet.*** We want to link arms with Christian students, volunteers and churches to help give every student an opportunity to say "Yes!" to Christ and experience God's love and forgiveness. We look for every available means to share Christ in a relevant and compassionate manner.

***Every person on earth.*** Valor is committed to transforming the nations of the world through the militaries of the world through ongoing training, discipleship and prayer. We want to start multiple movements of cadets/midshipmen/vets reaching people with the Good News of Christ's love and forgiveness.