



**HIGHER GOAL IS A SPECIALTY MINISTRY OF YOUTH FOR CHRIST OF SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN AND NORTHEAST ILLINOIS THAT REACHES STUDENT-ATHLETES AND KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN A LANGUAGE THAT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND AND THAT IS RELEVANT TO THEM.**

**OUR MISSION** - YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

**WHY HIGHER GOAL** – We believe that every student-athlete should have before them the opportunity that would help them make an informed decision about their relationship with Jesus Christ.

**WHAT IS HIGHER GOAL** – Higher Goal combines work with what often to them, is one of the most important parts of a student's life, their athletics...with the opportunity to get to know and be able to make an informed decision to follow, or grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We do that by being available within their athletic activities throughout the year.

#### **HIGHER GOAL WORKS THROUGH –**

- **CHAPELS** – Leading high school sports teams in devotional chapels either prior to competitions, or on a scheduled weekly basis.
- **SPORT SPECIFIC CLINICS** – A focus on the training methods and skill development needed to excel in the students respective sport, would be partnered with a study that would focus on the spiritual training methods needed to excel in their walk with Christ, and opportunity to know how to have a life changing relationship with Jesus.
- **COACHING** – Having YFC Staff and volunteers available to go on staff at the high schools as coaches, to have that daily interaction with anywhere from 12-60 students depending on the sport. This also gives great exposure and accessibility to the campus and other school staff, coaches, and the athlete's families.
- **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - As a ministry to student-athletes we provide the guidance necessary to build life skills and Godly character to help them make good choices so that they are transformed into the future role models in their schools and communities. At the same time teaching them skills that will make them into leaders who lead with integrity and passion.

**IN EVERY HIGHER GOAL PROGRAM THERE ARE 5 ESSENTIALS PRACTICED IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT REAL CHANGE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE:**

#### **1. WIDESPREAD PRAYER**

We deliberately engage with other Christian believers to intercede on behalf of the ministry.

#### **2. LOVING RELATIONSHIPS**

We consistently pursue lost kids & engage them in life-long relationships with Jesus.

#### **3. FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING**

We accurately handle Biblical truth, regularly coaching kids to apply it in their lives.

#### **4. COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

We intentionally work together with local churches, agencies and other partners to provide sustainable youth and family ministry.

#### **5. ADULTS WHO EMPOWER**

We strategically develop leaders to reach young people from every people group.

