

Example Activities and Issues for MBA Fellowships

Evangelism/Service to the wider community

- Speakers for pre-/evangelism: MBA Ministry has a list; faculty/admin may have contacts
- Small Groups
 - Groups Investigating God
 - Purpose Driven Life
 - The Question of God
 - Alpha in the Workplace materials
 - Christianity 101 series
- Evangelism training: how to share the love of Christ in class and study groups
- Healthy relationships speaker
- Set up a 'summer reading' book table with books that give Christian perspectives
- Free Bibles
- Social events of various kinds (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter as possible times)
- 2X2's or One-on-one meetings, e.g., lunch
- Anonymous prayer request box
- Free tutoring for internationals, or conversation partners
- Fundraising events: e.g., competition with other fellowship

Community

- Booths at visit days for incoming students
- Contact with incoming students over the summer
- Contact with returning 2nd years over the summer
- Movies
- Progressive or potluck dinners (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter as possible times)
- Retreat: at an alum's, at a camp, at a retreat center
- Prayer groups: before classes; for 10 minutes between classes at a given location; over meals
- Service activities (Habitat for Humanity; fundraiser for non-profit; tutoring; the poor)
- 2nd year send off
- Inclusion of spouses/families
- Delegation of tasks to 1st years
- Email prayer requests

Spiritual Formation

- Church listings on www/handouts and organized hosting of 1st years (one year local churches were enlisted to provide transportation/host a meal afterwards)
- Mentoring 1st years, e.g., interview practice
- Small Groups: Thematic/Bible studies, gender specific, prayers
- Speakers for discipleship (main audience = followers of Christ); professors
- Retreat: at alumni's house, at a camp, at a retreat center
- Prayer groups: before classes; for 10 minutes between classes at a given location; over meals
- Service activities (Habitat for Humanity; fundraiser for non-profit; tutoring; the poor)
- Weekly email devotional
- Activities with other fellowships: grad, law school, other MBA programs
- Organized accountability small groups (2-4 people)
- Spousal groups

Integration of Faith and Work

- Case studies of workplace issues from a Christian perspective [possibly with local biz person presenting a real case]
- Bible studies on relevant issues for MBA's
- Co-sponsored with other MBA fellowship(s)
- Co-sponsored with other student clubs
- Mentor program

- Attending local business ministry parachurch events
- Alumni panels on topics of interest
- Panel with Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and Hindu business leaders
- Believers in Business Conference

Life and heart issues

How can I learn to worry less?
How do I juggle work, family, church, relationships, and finances?
What does it mean to be committed? (spiritual disciplines and boundaries)
How can I know God's will for my life? (career, relationships, ministry)
What does it mean to be in the world and yet not of the world in business?

Marketplace Issues

How big a price is too big to pay to get into a place of influence?
Can Christians in business fundamentally influence and change the way business is conducted?
What defines success? (career, relationships, ministry)
Employee-Employer Relationships (Hiring, Firing, Organisational Review)
How can I achieve servant leadership? (confidence vs. humility)
Ethics
Ethical Investments
What does it mean to be an Entrepreneurial Christian and Christian Entrepreneur?
Honesty & Deception
Dealing with failure
Performance and placement anxiety
Pride/humility
Control
Power and temptations
Constant mobility
Ambition
Biblical vs. organizational values
Handling politics
Leadership
Relating to authority
Stewardship of gifts
Stewardship of material resources
Financial planning seminar
Justice
Identity (child of God vs. i-banker)/esteem/affirmation

Evangelism

How do I be radical for Christ in a business setting?
What are appropriate ways to share the gospel with colleagues?
How far should I go in sharing my faith in the workplace?

Others

How much is enough?
Are Christianity and capitalism incongruent?
How should faith affect my standard of living?

How do you establish boundaries among peers?
How do I maintain my spiritual discipline when life is so busy?
What does it mean to be in a Christian “dating/marriage” relationship?
When is anger okay?
What does it mean to have a just war?
What is worth Working for?
Business as Mission movement: quadruple bottom line
Competition without Compromise

Laura Nash (*Believers in Business* book) Topics

The love of God and the pursuit of profit
Love and the competitive drive
People needs and profit obligations
Humility and the ego of success
Family and work
Charity and wealth
Faithful witness in the "secular city"