



Thank you for your interest in Life Christian Academy-Emmaus (Emmaus). Emmaus is a Christian discipleship school that helps prepare students for the life God has planned for them. We come alongside parents in helping their students know and walk with Christ while also providing them with the academic preparation for success in life. Simply put, Emmaus is a discipleship school with excellent academics and an environment which encourages leadership, integrity and hard work.

At the very heart of Emmaus is our Christian Community, composed of the families of Emmaus. While we may be members of different churches, at Emmaus, we are one community focused on raising great kids.

The Bible emphasizes relationships, both our relationship with God and our relationship with one another. Therefore, relationships hold great importance to us. God's word focuses more on "how" we do things rather than "what" we do. Regardless of how much knowledge a person gains, their ultimate success will be hindered without the ability to relate to others.

*Amos 3:3 asks, "Can two walk together unless they are agreed?"* Agreement is a fundamental aspect of the Emmaus environment. The enrolled families, staff, and administrators of Emmaus are in agreement with the following principles. As a first step, let's determine if we are in agreement on our destination. If we are, it would be logical to proceed to the next step in the application process. If not, let's wish each other success in life!

## **EMMAUS FOUNDATIONS**

### **Heaven and Earth**

*Ephesians 1:16-19, I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe.*

We will teach them the things they need to learn at this age regarding the things of Heaven and earth. Wisdom is how God views things. The students will learn knowledge, which is the things of earth, such as math, science, reading, and logic. We will use traditional and online resources – whichever helps students develop the best. At the back of this document is our Emmaus K-12 Road Map. It shows what we will be doing and why.

### **Parent Involved**

*Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.* Parents will be involved in the direction of their student's individual goals and achievements. We are transparent. These are your students, and we will be helping you. Parents will be very involved in the selection of core academics, but students will decide on afternoon electives so they can grow in responsibility and initiative.

## **Word and Spirit**

*John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. Romans 8:14, For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

If ever there was a time when our students needed the leading of God's Spirit - it is NOW! The Holy Spirit is a real person. Jesus is in Heaven, but the Holy Spirit is right here on earth, and He helps us. He is already leading every believer - but they may not recognize His leading. The Spirit of God reveals the truth of God's word to us and also helps us understand how we are to live our life. We will help the students learn how to allow the Spirit of God to guide them in following God's Word. Jesus said, "I am the way." The Greek word for "way" literally means road. There's a road they should travel - just like the two disciples did on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), which is how we got our school name.

## **A Christian Community**

In the Bible, the Greek word "Ecclesia" was translated as assembly, community, or church. Whenever there was an assembly of believers, it was considered an ecclesia. So, our students will be part of the ecclesia, or community of believers, at Emmaus Academy. They will live and study in an active Christian community. We want to help develop them as leaders in God's church. We want them to become active in their home church and be a blessing to their pastor and their church family. We will teach them how.

## **ADMISSION POLICY**

It is important that parents understand that the families of Emmaus are Biblically and socially conservative. We see God as the source of all that is true. We believe the Bible is God's unchanging and inspired word, and it reveals God's plan for man. The Bible doesn't contain truth: The Bible IS truth. We believe that God created people to be male and female. We believe that biology determines sex and gender and that biology doesn't change. We feel it is fundamentally a parent's responsibility to raise up their child, and Emmaus Academy assists the parent in raising up their child in the Lord.

We feel there must be unity between the parents and the school over what is taught, as we are teaching as an extension of the parent. That is why we require that at least one parent and the student profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and be actively involved with a Bible-believing church. At least one parent must provide a letter of recommendation from their current pastor and, within six months of admission, provide a pastoral recommendation from the church that they are attending, indicating that one parent is regularly serving at the church. A child should not hear one thing at home and something totally different at school. Part of our mission is to train students to lead and serve in their local church. If a student learns about serving at Emmaus, but the parents aren't attending and/or serving in their local church, this would lead to confusion and strife, which no one wants. If the family is new to Arizona, a reference from your previous church would be considered.

Additionally, we believe the Bible clearly and repeatedly teaches that physical and sexual relationships are reserved for and only within the marriage of one man and one woman. God has given each person freedom of choice to choose what they believe. Our school fits with people of like faith. It would cause great confusion for a student to be hearing about God's plan for family in school and then going home to parents who are living together outside of marriage. We don't want to be in the place of a student feeling we are criticizing the student's family. For this reason, we would not admit a student whose parents are living together but not married.

As our children get older, we will get into many deep and challenging issues. We will debate and dialogue. Our goal in these discussions will always be to get our students to understand the Biblical worldview. We

stress personal responsibility, personal integrity, giving rather than taking, sharing, caring, and achievement. We are against abortion and profane lifestyles clearly listed as sinful in the Bible. In the Bible, when the woman was caught in adultery, Jesus did not condemn the woman, but He did judge what she had done as sinful. Emmaus does not advocate for any political party. We teach Biblical principles. Do you agree that a child would be conflicted if Emmaus and his/her parents were not in harmony?

## **COMMUNITY VS COVENANT SCHOOLS**

Community schools are schools that are open to all students regardless of their beliefs. Covenant schools are those whose enrollment is restricted to those of similar religious beliefs. The Life Christian Preschool and Childcare is a community environment. Emmaus is a covenant school. Emmaus is a training environment for those who have already made the decision to follow Christ. It is not a community outreach, nor is it a place for rehabilitation. While we love all children and realize we call them children for a reason, we are not a place for those who do not want to be here. We will work diligently with EVERY child to help them become who God wants them to be, but our efforts must be matched by the family. Every staff member of Emmaus is a born-again, church-attending disciple of Jesus Christ. Every staff member is in agreement with our stated beliefs.

## **STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

Emmaus admits students of any race, color, nationality, and ethnic origin and extends to them all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, or national origin in the administration of educational policies, admission procedures, scholarship awards, athletic programs, or any other school-administered programs.

## **THE MASTER'S PLAN FOR EMMAUS**

This is a look at what your child will experience at Emmaus. You start at the left with the first column - Emmaus. At Emmaus, we will teach and train two main things: The things of Heaven and the things of earth. From Heaven, we learn wisdom. The things of earth are knowledge. Knowledge tells us "what," but wisdom teaches us "why." Children need both. We learn wisdom about God and about mankind. We learn about God through the Word of God and by the Spirit of God. We learn about mankind as it applies to us personally (My Part) and how God would have us relate to others. Ultimately, you wind up on the right side, which represents the major things we will be teaching and training at Emmaus.

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The Master's Plan for Emmaus Academy 6/14/23

Emmaus Academy	Heaven	Wisdom	God	Word	Bible	Biblical Competency
						Knowing God - 12 Truths
				Experience	Emmaus Road Journey	
					Faith	
				Spirit	Abide	God's Fortress
						Armor of God
			Pray	Recognizing Gods voice		
				Spirit Powered Prayer		
			Mankind	My Part	Love	Let God love thru me
						Offense Free Living
				Serve	Christlike Character/Ethics	
					God - Grace - Gifts - Glory	
				Society	The Body	One Another / Unity
						People Skills
	The World	Supply the need				
		Go Therefore				
	Earth	Knowledge	Academic	Core	Math	
					Language	
					Civilization (History, Civics, Geography)	
					Science	
				Elective	Arts	
					Sports	
					Technology	
					Other	
			Practical	Project Based	Individual Growth	
					Team	
R&D						
Service						
Real World Experiential				Work Experience Program		
				World Outreach Program		
Entrepreneurship Program						
College Preparation Program						