

serve like Christ

Serving for the gospel



WHAT DOES GOD WANT
TO DO WITH OUR
YOUTH?

*Serving for
the gospel*

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1. What does GOD
want to do?



Proverbs 2:1-5

“My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, **making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding**; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, **then you will understand the fear of the Lord and **find the knowledge of God.**”**

Psalm 25:4-5

“**Make me** to know your ways, O Lord; **teach me** your paths. **Lead me** in your truth and **teach me**, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.”

“God did not make this person as I would have made him...God does not will that I should fashion the other person according to the image that seems good to me, that is, in my own image...I can never know beforehand how God’s image should appear in others.’

Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



Discuss

What do you think is the key to discerning God's will for:

-young people?

-starting a youth group

-running a youth group?



2. What are some key issues affecting our youth?

“I think the responsibility of leadership in the church is not to do slick meetings and not to figure out how to get 5,000 people through a facility in a weekend. It is to produce a people like Jesus. Let’s be a people who are actually producing something on the ground that could totally annihilate the enemy in our city. That’s our job!”

Graham Cooke





-Anxiety!

-Identity

-LGBTQ+

-What is a Christian

-Pornography

-Mental and emotional health

-Digital Natives



Discuss

What do you see as some of the
key issues facing our youth in
Aotearoa?



3. What is happening
around the country
regarding youth?

Joshua 1.8

Psalms 119:47-48

1. Bible studies are everywhere.

“In every church there are people who are mere spectators in the kingdom of God. All they need to reach their potential for God is for one person to invest in them.”

LeRoy Eims and Robert E. Coleman





Discuss

- What do you think about the simplicity of starting a bible study with one or a few youth?
- Why do you think it is being so effective in so many areas?

2. Rally leading into youth group

“One thing I encourage in this area is having an expectation on the teenagers that are serving as cadet leaders (15-18-year-olds) is to have a youth group where they are fed, and that makes them stronger to serve at Rally.”

Tony Foster





Discuss

- What are some ways you see, or think of, regarding that flow from a rally into a youth group?

3. After-school programs.

-Drop-in ones, and/or homework-help ones

4. 24-7 youth workers in schools, and community workers



Discuss

- What other ideas do you have of how a church can reach out to youth?

4. Some serious questions to wrestle with.

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Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24.





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