

A Model for Youth Ministry

A Home: Environment and Being

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Mission Statement

- Building up students in their pursuit of Jesus Christ by putting death to death and living true life in Christ.
 - Rom. 3:23- “for all have sinned”
 - Rom. 6:23- “for the wages of sin is death”
 - Gal. 5:24- “crucified the flesh”
 - Philip. 1:21- “to live is for Christ”
 - John 14:6- “I am the way, the truth, and the life”

Purpose

Vision

Goals

Purpose: Youth Ministry is for the building up of students by the basis of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as the building up of students in the Word of God so that their faith in Jesus truly belongs to them.

Vision: To see students of all ages giving their lives to Christ, discipling others, and leading the next generation of the church.

Goals:

- Students are constantly learning disciples that also disciple others.
- Students serve the church and those in the community, so that they learn what it means to lead.
- Students own their faith and thus, are unashamed of the Gospel and how it has transformed them to the point that their lives become an exhibit for the Gospel.



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Why a Home?

- The point of the Home is that it is a picture of a student saved, disciplined, and living for God; built by God through the context of a Home-like atmosphere in Youth Ministry.

The Order to Building a Home

1. Surveying the Land
2. Dig Deep
3. Pour the Foundation
4. Set the Cornerstone
5. Choose the right materials
6. Build the House
7. Fill the Rooms of the Home
8. Out into the Neighborhood



Surveying the Land: Building in the Right Environment

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

“My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.”

- When building a home one needs to first survey the land and make sure that it is good land to build on.
- A successful youth ministry will not be solid on weak land that falls apart the second it is built upon.
- Because this model seeks to ultimately build up students in the way God has set out for them, the atmosphere must be set right. Without the atmosphere in the right place students will not be able to listen, receive, and practice the things that are taught and modeled.
- The atmosphere is built by the youth pastor, adult youth workers, and the overall structure of meeting times.
- Youth workers are expected to be mature in faith, willing to invest in students, and dependable.
- The youth pastor has the same responsibilities as youth workers but is also responsible for discipling and adequately equipping youth workers for service to students and parents.
- The atmosphere of a youth ministry needs to be welcoming, comforting, and encouraging.



Dig Deep: Discipleship

Luke 6:47-48: “As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep...”

- First in building a house we need to dig a hole for the foundation to be poured.
- Disciple- a follower or student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher.
- Discipleship starts before someone becomes a Christian. Students, whether Christians or not, can be poured into by leaders and be discipled.
- Students in youth ministry will have questions about life in Christ and will need support from youth workers for life advice, encouragement, and understanding as they navigate their beliefs.
- Leaders can help students “dig deep” by encouraging and teaching them in the way that God has for them as compared to the World.



Pour the Foundation: Evangelism

Luke 6:46-49: They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

- Next in building a house we need to pour the foundation.
- This foundation is belief in Jesus Christ and can only be poured by God, because He is the one saving them and filling them with new life.
- Without the firm foundation of belief in Jesus Christ students cannot build anything on top or it will end up in total-destruction.
- With training and help, youth workers will be expected to be able to clearly articulate the Gospel to students.
- The youth workers and the youth pastor will evangelize to students by the Gospel being spoken out clearly as well as the Gospel lived out in their daily lives.

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Setting the Cornerstone: Worship

Ephesians 2:20
built on the foundation of
the apostles and
prophets, with Christ Jesus
himself as the chief
cornerstone.

- Next in building the house is the setting of the Cornerstone.
- The cornerstone is the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation, and all other stone will be set in reference to this stone.
- Masonry foundation and concrete foundation are different foundations, however faith in Christ is what we stand on and the example of Christ is what we build our lives in reference to.
- Jesus needs to be the Cornerstone of any student's life because as the student's life is built on Christ, every other material laid is meant to represent Jesus.
- We are worshipping God when we set Jesus as the cornerstone because we are, through praise, service, obedience, exhortation, etc., placing Christ in His rightful position of glory.



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Paneling & Flooring

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Choosing the Right Materials: Theology and Education

1 Corinthians 3:12-13:

If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.

- Before we can build the house, we now need to pick the right materials. Do we want hay, sticks, or brick?
- The materials we lay matter because it is made of our beliefs and knowledge, otherwise known as theology and education.
- Theology: biblical values.
 - We are saved by grace through faith and not of our works.
 - We are called to love and serve our neighbors through the same love Jesus has shown to us.
 - We have been given the right to be called children of God who follow Christ by picking up our cross and practicing holiness as described to us in God's Word.
- Education: biblical knowledge.
 - The Bible is the Word of God in which He has chosen to reveal himself to us.
 - The Holy Spirit will reveal to us what is in the Word of God.
 - God has placed mentors, teachers, and leaders in our lives to help us better navigate a life that lives in God's love.



Build the House: Sanctification by God

Hebrews 3:4:

For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

- Once everything is set in its place, now we need to build the house.
- The house is and can only be built by God, because He is the builder of everything.
- Students are now built up by the materials of the theology and education that they have learned, making a student's life an imitation of Christ.
- The role of youth workers is seen well here. God does the building, but He chooses to use those that are faithful and willing to invest in a student's life.
- As youth workers we are meant to help guide students through the building process so that they are not trying to build it themselves. It also is to prevent students from trying to add false doctrine that will either crumble from the weight of good theology on top of it or false doctrine that will reject good theology and therefore only allow for further dissension from the truth.

Which one is homier?



Fill the Rooms of the Home: A Temple for the Spirit

Ephesians 2:22

And in him you too are
being built together to
become a dwelling in which
God lives by his Spirit.

- The final step in building the house is making it a Home. That messy house is a home, but a home built on Christ isn't going to be filled with junk.
- Even after letting God build an amazing house centered on Jesus, we still get to choose what we fill our houses with. What we fill our houses with is important because it reveals what is in our hearts.
- Luke 12:34- "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- God doesn't want a beautiful house that has perfect theology and amazing depths of knowledge only for that house to sit vacant and empty of the work of the Spirit because the residents won't open the door for Him to apply His touch to their lives.
- God wants to build up students to make a place for His Spirit to dwell. That means encouraging students to let God come into their house and change the mess into the treasure of His own Spirit.
- Workers will help students transform their house into a home by showing students how to let the Spirit in to the deepest and darkest parts of their lives to change and clean these areas for a healthier heart and mind.
- Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."



Going Out into the Neighborhood: Missions- Local and Foreign

Mark 12:31- “Love your
neighbor as yourself...”

- The last stage of building a home, is not about the home itself, but about the community in which it builds itself. A home in a bad neighborhood can depreciate the value of a home, but a valuable home in a bad neighborhood can influence the others to flip and remodel.
- Most homes are in a neighborhood, and this can become a brother and sisterhood if workers work together with students that are a built-up home to live the presence of Christ on mission to the world.
- Missions are not just across the world in a 3rd world country, they are also at home between families. Youth ministry can be used as a testament to parents through the changing of students' lives, through serving parents, and even through discipleship programs that parallel what their student is learning.
- But missions are also foreign, but that doesn't have to mean a foreign language, sometimes it means a foreign rough neighborhood three blocks away.
- The point of missions is to be the light in a dark place of an already dark world.

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- *We start at Home-base...*
- **First Students Fredericksburg:**
 - Gospel- preached to students and understood by students.
 - Discipleship- students are discipled through lessons, small groups, and events.
 - Service- students serve one another in the youth group.
- *Then we go out on a Home-run.*
- **First Baptist Church:**
 - Service- participate in the other ministries in the church.
 - Gospel- share the Gospel with those they encounter in said ministry.
 - Discipleship- learn from the leaders in these ministries and teach those they are ministering to.
- **Fredericksburg:**
 - Service- serving the other students in the community personally apart from the church.
 - Gospel- being an ambassador for Christ.
 - Discipleship- telling others the things that they have learned in their own relationship with God.