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BUILDING TO **GROW**

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the youth leadership training manual

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

is an important and exciting task!

This training manual is designed to equip you in both the theory and practice of biblical youth ministry. It is an easy to use, step-by-step resource for you and your leadership team. It is highly interactive and enjoyable with lots of helpful activities, Bible studies and group discussion questions.

Unit 1: Foundations

Unit 2: The weekly meeting

Unit 3: Leadership

Unit 4: Small group Bible studies

Unit 5: Evangelism

Unit 6: Socials

Unit 7: Camps and retreats

If you are just starting out in youth ministry or simply need a brush up, these studies are for you.

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As an on-the-ground youth pastor and author, I want everything to do with youth ministry to be truthful, clear and compelling. You want what you say to be true. You want to be able to say it clearly. And you want that clear truth to compel and even propel people into action. Ken and Julie Moser deliver again on all three fronts with these studies on leadership. There are unlimited ways you could fill in the precious time you have with your youth group, but the Mosers help guide youth pastors and their teams through the Scriptures to design a youth ministry that honours God, that builds up and encourages the Christian kids to be whole-hearted disciples, and that reaches out to non-Christian kids with the great message of Christ, without resorting to vacant youth ministry gimmicks. Using these studies is a no-brainer for any youth ministry.

SCOTT PETTY

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In our day relevant and segregated youth ministry has led to the shallowing of the Church to the point in which young adults refuse to return. This leadership manual can show you how to develop biblically literate disciples and Christ-centered leaders that will revolutionize youth ministry and rescue the church for the next generation.

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Ken and Julie Moser are convinced that the marks of a faithful youth ministry are ... the marks of faithful ministry, full stop. If that sounds countercultural, we should perhaps ask why. This series of studies will help you explore the implications of that conviction, evaluate your own ministry, and lead your team into a shared vision of a youth ministry that aims, as Paul did, 'to present every person mature in Christ' (Col 1.28).

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Dear Youth Leader,

Being a youth leader is a great privilege and blessing. For many young people, the teenage years are the time when they put it together faith-wise. As a youth leader you get to share in the process of growing young people in their walk with Christ. It is an exciting ministry to be a part of.

While youth ministry is a privilege, it is also a great responsibility. This means we need to be equipped in order to take this task seriously. God's word must inform not only the message we preach but also the method we use to teach young people about following Jesus.

This book is designed to be a resource to teach and train youth leaders to be biblically minded in both what they teach and do in youth ministry. There are seven units covering key areas of youth ministry and each unit consists of a set of studies. You can use these studies for a time of weekly training or you could set aside a day of training per unit (for example, spend a Saturday covering all three studies in unit one on foundations of youth ministry). Each study includes a time of  sharing,  Bible study,  group exercises,  discussion and  prayer.

All studies are designed to be useful for any size group of leaders. Where activities require you to divide into pairs/triplets or remain as a large group you can determine the best option depending on whether you have a very large group or just two or three people. Each study includes trainer's



notes to help you lead the study and participant's notes that are designed to be photocopied to hand out to your leadership team.

Some of you may find that you can't complete a study in the time you have. If this is the case, it is okay to carry it over to the next time you meet. Others of you will find that you are moving through the studies at a brisk pace. If this is the case just continue on to the next one!

These studies will help you whether you are just starting out or have an established youth ministry and have been doing it for a while. It is always helpful to set a firm foundation and to understand not just how to do things well, but also, to understand why we do things the way we do. Remember, the goal in youth ministry is to produce disciples of the Lord Jesus who live for him and go the distance. We are not here to entertain the world – we are here to change it!

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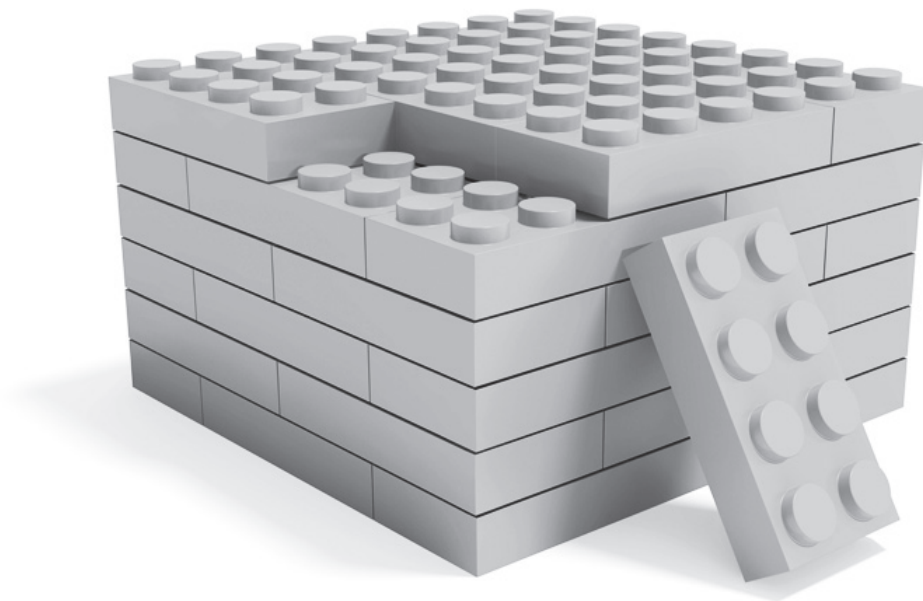
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Foundations

Study 1: Building a youth ministry that will last

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1. A SHARING QUESTION TO BEGIN:

Have you ever started something that you didn't finish? (i.e. learn a musical instrument; get in shape, a building project etc.) What was it? Why didn't you finish?

✦ Go around the group and have everyone answer the questions.



2. BIBLE STUDY

Read Colossians 1:28-29. Answer and discuss the following questions.

✦ Have a volunteer read Colossians 1:28-29 aloud. Answer the questions seeking to have a group discussion

a. What was Paul's end goal for the believers? (v. 28)

✦ To present everyone mature in Christ.

b. What did he do to try and reach this goal? (v. 28)

✦ Proclaimed Christ, admonished and taught.

c. How important was it for him to succeed in this? (v. 29)

✦ Paul worked very hard for this to happen!

d. What does this passage teach you about your goals for the youth in your youth group?

✦ Discuss how this passage should impact the goals you set and the way you do youth ministry. Consider how your goals for your young people should reflect Paul's goals for the Colossians.



3. GROUP EXERCISE

As a group, make a list of everything that brings young people to your youth group. In other words, answer this question, "Why do the youth come to youth group?" The reasons you list can be good reasons (friendship, to learn about God etc.) as well as bad reasons (be entertained, nothing else to do etc.)

Reasons why young people are coming to your youth group...

✦ **STEP 1:** A good way to do this is to have a whiteboard or a large sheet of paper and have one person write a list of everyone's suggested reasons. Try to think of every reason possible. If this is difficult encourage the group to think of specific youth and work out why you think they are choosing to come to youth group each week. Alternatively, they can each write a list of everyone's suggested reasons as they are said in the space provided in their notes.

✦ **STEP 2:** When the list is compiled ask the group to circle every reason on the list that will also keep them coming (to a Christian gathering or church) for the next 25-50 years. As a group, you must now decide what

will keep a person coming to church. Have a volunteer circle the answers as they are said aloud.

✦ **Please note:** There may be a bit of disagreement and discussion about what will keep someone coming along after youth group. For example, someone may come to youth group out of habit or to please others, but this is not something that will actively keep them in the group (even though some older people may come to church for these reasons). You need to identify those things that you can program for that will keep them coming. It is important that you make the point that the circled items are those that you must place a very high priority on. The other items are those that have very low (if any) priority.



4. GROUP DISCUSSION

✦ Discuss the three questions in light of your findings in the group exercise and the Bible study.

Is your youth ministry emphasizing those things that will keep young people committed to fellowship for 25-50 years (and the rest of their lives)? If not, what should you do to change this?

Are there any uncircled items from the list in the group exercise earlier that you should consider dropping from your program altogether?

If you dropped those activities, what impact would this have on your youth ministry?



5. WRAPPING IT UP

✦ Discuss the two questions in light of what you have studied today.

What have you learned from today's study?

Is there anything that you need to change?



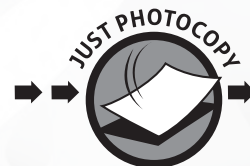
6. PRAY

Spend some time praying for your group in light of what you have discussed in this study.

✦ Spend some time praying using the three prayer points listed. Pray also for other concerns in the group.

- Thank God for the privilege of being a part of his work to present young people mature in Christ.
- Pray that the young people in your youth group will go the distance in their faith.
- Pray for wisdom and blessing on your efforts to equip them for living the Christian faith.

FURTHER READING: *Changing the World through effective Youth Ministry* by Ken Moser, chapters 1 & 2.





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