

Leader Training - January 25th

Vision for the Young Adult Ministry

We will create relational environments to help Young Adults grow deeper in their walk with God, their identity in Christ, and their place in His church.

- This statement encompasses
 - The vision for Real Life Ministries as a whole. As a sub-ministry under Real Life Ministries, we submit to and join in on the vision, mission, and process of our church [create relational environments].
 - Anyone who comes into the ministry, no matter where they are currently with their walk with the Lord. Everyone has room to grow and a step to take, and we want to call them into that next step - to take ownership for their faith in action.
- As our vision, this statement becomes the goal we are aiming towards and, as such, becomes the filter that we view events, processes, and ministry elements through. Decisions for the ministry will depend on
- The order of the elements of this vision matters.

Walk with the Lord

- Seeing people who are far from God find salvation in Jesus Christ
- Dependence on God
- Deep abiding prayer
- Biblical literacy
 - We will never grow in our maturity beyond our knowledge of and dependence on the Word of God
- Victory over sins
- Baptism
- Reading their word
- God growing them
- Confessing sins
- Evangelism in their personal lives
- Walking away from bad relationships

Identity in Christ

- We are in an identity war
- In Christ, they are a new creation
 - THIS IS THE SAME THING AS ADOPTION
 - Old family ties are gone. New family ties, name, authority, and privileges are assumed irrevocably.
 - Help your young adults recognize this.
- Take them to the Word to know who He is and truly what the charge is.
 - Having a new heart and being a new creation creates freedom but it also creates tension

- Tension between who they were, who they are now and who they will be

Place in the Church

- This is community in small groups
- This is participation in the sharpening of each other
- This is service in YA and in the main body
- This is church attendance
- This is integration into life groups

How do we do this?

Where it starts: Great Leaders

Let's meet our ideal leader - "Jamie".

Who is Jamie?	What does Jamie do?
humble	asks questions
vulnerable	listens actively
curious	abides in Christ
encouraging	makes time
invested	pursues relationship
consistent	praises God for what He does [His wins]
secure [in the Lord]	checks-in on their people
peaceful	asks for help when needed
prayerful	challenges
genuine	creates structure
temperate	facilitates healthy discussion
empathetic	responsive
relational	points to Christ
intentional	refers to Scripture
available	prays
wise	invites to church
transparent	lives out their faith
sincere faith	--
joyful	--

The above helps define the ideal, or perfect, leader. However, the reality is that we will be unable to be and do all of these perfectly all the time.

So - what are we looking for in a leader? How would we define what a 'great' leader is?

The young adult ministry strives to have leaders who are:

- humble
- prayerful
- faithful

Practically, here are some of the markers of a great leader that we see and expect for the Young Adult ministry:

- A great Young Adult leader leads by example, modelling a life marked by their love for the Lord and showcasing the work of the Spirit in their life.
- A great Young Adult leader listens actively.
- A great Young Adult leader asks questions and stays curious.
- A great Young Adult leader facilitates conversation more than they teach or share.
- A great Young Adult leader celebrates liberally when members of their group take steps of obedience, faith, and growth!
- A great Young Adult leader knows their group and modifies to the needs of the group.

Leaders - you are so appreciated! Thank you for all you do!