

How to Engage Youth in Scripture

Helping Young People Understand and Fall in Love with Scripture

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Key Takeaways

An answer to Jesus' prayers

John 17:8, 14-19

- Through God's word people would come to know Jesus and be sanctified.

In the footsteps of Peter

John 21:15-17

- The youth leader is tasked with feeding the Lord's lambs and tending his sheep.

In the footsteps of Paul

Acts 20:26-32

- Preach the whole counsel of scripture.
- Pay careful attention to yourself and the flock.
- Protect the flock from error.
- Prepare to admonish carefully and regularly.

In the footsteps of Timothy

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8

- Sufficiency of scripture for:
- Spiritual mentoring,
- Salvation,
- Sanctification,
- Serving.

Resources

- One to One Bible Reading – David Helm
- Rebooted – Tim Gough
- The Lost Art of Disciple Making – Leroy Eims

Application

Large Group

- Ice break with sword drills, or scripted bible dramas
- Preach the gospel often. Preach through books of the bible. Preach about Jesus & the Kingdom of God
- Include the youth by putting bibles in their hands, inviting them to do readings, using game show questions, and giving them scripted prayers if they're still learning.

Small Group

- Ice break with Bible Jam.
- Use New City Catechism to create structure for covering whole counsel of scripture.
- Book of Mark bible study to know Jesus; 2 Timothy bible study to prepare students for leadership and ministry.

One to One

- Work on memory verses.
- Sow the word of God for all of life's challenges.
- Be patient, trusting fruit will be produced over time.