

Lead, Train, Equip: Forming Leaders

Developing leaders through discipleship to engage young people in mission and service

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WHAT GOOD IS IT, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IF SOMEONE CLAIMS TO HAVE FAITH BUT HAS NO DEEDS? CAN SUCH FAITH SAVE THEM? SUPPOSE A BROTHER OR A SISTER IS WITHOUT CLOTHES AND DAILY FOOD. IF ONE OF YOU SAYS TO THEM, "GO IN PEACE; KEEP WARM AND WELL FED," BUT DOES NOTHING ABOUT THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS, WHAT GOOD IS IT? IN THE SAME WAY, FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION, IS DEAD. **JAMES 2:14-17**

Key Takeaways

Engaging faith through head, heart, hands, feet model:

- **Head: Foundation**
 - How are we engaging young people in their knowledge? What are we teaching in God's word that means they are learning not just what to think *but how to think*.
 - How: teaching how to read the bible, doing bible studies, listening to sermons, doing bible plans together, recommending books.
- **Heart: Formation**
 - What does it mean for your young person to have a personal relationship with God? How are they transforming internally into the likeness of Jesus through their relationship with God?
 - How: prioritizing prayer, devotion and worship - spiritual practices/disciplines. Model well what it looks like to engage in these spaces making it accessible for young people.
- **Hands: Fruition**
 - How are we to outwork our gifts and abilities in the wider community? What gifts, strengths, abilities and talent do you see in your young people and how can you develop them into serving and feeling a part of the wider body of Christ?
 - How: get to know your young people well through 1 to 1 mentoring. Find out their joys/strengths/what their *why* is and help them to share those gifts with others - serving on Sunday morning through worship/connections/cafe space. Doing a service morning during church like car washing/gardens etc.
- **Feet: Flourishing**
 - How to we go out into the world and do it? What is going to sustain your young people in their faith in the long run and the world beyond their family/school/church?
 - How: Empowering young people to find ways to live their faith out beyond their comfort zones - Christian group at school, local community project (activate your faith evenings), exposure short-term missions trip

Foundation: Youth Alpha Series

Formation: Practicing the Way - John Mark Comer (8 week series);
The Prayer Course - 24/7 Prayer (8 week series).

Fruition: Spiritual Gifts test (<https://spiritualgiftstest.com/youth-spiritual-gifts-test>),
Myers Briggs personality (<https://www.16personalities.com>), Enneagram,
Strengths Finder
(<https://www.gallup.com/cliftonstrengths/en/252137/home.aspx>)

Resources

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