

# Building a Thriving Intermediates Ministry

*Practical tips for discipling your intermediates and seeing them participate with God's mission*

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DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY. UNTIL I COME, DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THE PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE, TO PREACHING AND TO TEACHING. **1 TIMOTHY 4:12-13**

## Key Takeaways

Intermediates are the age in which our young people make some huge foundational decisions about their faith and if we can get our intermediates engaged in the word, it will change how they engage in youth. The culture in which you create in intermediates is what will flow on to high school etc.

How do we make intermediates fun without the expense of going deep. How do you make prayer and bible reading fun?

- Ice breakers to help young people engage.
- Celebrations, lift your expectations of what young people can do.
- Young people are great leaders, give them leadership opportunities.

### 5 reasons why intermediates specifically are the jam

- Most young people make the decision to follow God in intermediate.
- It's a stage where they have more accessibility, their parents are starting to let them do more things, so they come to more, evenings, camps etc. trips to the beach.
- They aren't too cool for school yet, will invite friends, ok to have parents there, way more likely to be missional, being disciples to their friends.
- Longer to journey with them particularly if you're the youth pastor or a youth leader. Majority of larger youth groups are because they have solid intermediate programs that feed through.
- Parents involved early in both spiritual development and helping out, get them investing in young people.

## Application

1. **Prayer:** start with one-word, next week say a sentence then continue. Get the intermediates praying.
2. **Bible:** your young people want to read the word so get creative.
3. **Service and mission** – welcome team, sponsor child, helping in the wider church.
4. **Parents Involvement:** They make good leaders, have resources, have wisdom etc
5. **Spaces outside of Sunday:** Having a space outside of a Sunday where they have extra input that develops them for youth group. Friday night things, weekend away/ camp. Bible studies lead by parents once a month in their homes. eCamp.
6. **Transitions:** how do you transition your year 7's and year 9's. transitions are important, so how do you get your young people involved.