

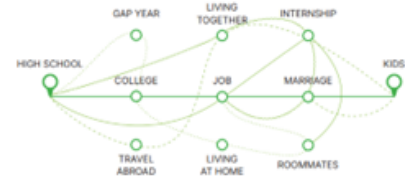
The World of Emerging Adults & Ministry Within it

Exploring questions about young adults (18-29 year olds), their path(s) in life and faith, and their sense of in-betweenness.

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Key Takeaways

Expectation v Reality



Are you willing to do the work?

Compassionate - The key here is empathy!

- Look Through New Lenses of Identity, Belonging, and Purpose (Young Adult Ministry Now. P.52)

	QUESTION	YOUNG ADULTS' QUEST	YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY
Identity	Who am I?	How do I harmonise my multiple identities?	How might we support young adults' harmonising work? How can we provide support for them to articulate who they see themselves to be now and in the future?
Belonging	Where do I fit?	How do I redefine, establish, or honour "home" in the midst of my temporary, in-motion life?	How might we be one of the many supporting communities in which a young adult can trust and feel at home? What will it take to invest in them relationally?
Purpose	What difference can I make?	Will I reach age 30 with traction while navigating multiple transitions to get there?	How might we accompany young adults as they seek their purpose and navigate transitions? What resources can we use to encourage their questions and dreams?

Creative – Warmth of community and followership

- Creative young adult ministry sets you free from the pressure of thinking you need to do more with less or that you have to do it all. Young adults already signal where they need your help, so your most creative energy should be directed toward helping them follow Jesus into their emerging lives and trust warm communities where they can grow.

Courageous – Withing, not to or for

- Courageous young adult ministry involves expecting and overcoming relational challenges. This requires openness from both the church and young adults to embrace change and tackle common obstacles, such as defining the relationship between young adults and your church, overcoming a scarcity mindset, and accepting that young adult ministry will transform you, too.

Shifts Required – according to Young Adult Ministry Now (p.91-99)

From...

- Model Christian to Faithful Seeker
- Program Director to Missional Matchmaker
- Messiah Complex to Discernment Team
- Trying to Trying Again

Resources

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