

Purpose Driven Youth Ministry 9 Essential Foundations For Healthy Growth Doug Fields

Being a youth minister is not for the meek! Youth ministry is difficult and you need every useful resource you can get your hands on. "The Whole Youth Worker, 2nd Edition" is advice straight from the heart of a guy who has been in the youth ministry trenches for over a decade. Whether you are a youth minister rookie or a seasoned pro, "The Whole Youth Worker, 2nd Edition" should be on your resource shelf. Inside the new 2nd Edition, you will find advice on: Being a professional inside the office Dealing with criticism Balancing family and ministry Challenging your congregation's definition of success Creating a more parent-friendly ministry Creating a clear vision for ministry Ministering to others when your spirit is struggling Staying healthy as a form of worship And new insights available only in this edition include: Advice on interviewing well How not to let an event become bigger than God Celebrating successes When good kids make bad choices Youth Ministers and Pastors Acclaim for "The Whole Youth Worker" "Here is a brass-tacks companion for those who would aspire to being not a master but a servant, one who is willing to put forth great effort on the young, even though not all the recipients will be appreciative. Jay Tucker is the opposite of preachy, he is practical and instructional with down-to-earth language that brings a smile." --Most Rev. Heyward B. Ewart, PhD, DD, Metropolitan Archbishop, Holy Catholic Church

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International "If you want to hear from the heart of a youth worker who struggles to enjoy the Monday-to-Friday part of youth ministry and wants to help you get through it too, then you need to read *The Whole Youth Worker*."--Mike Kupferer, Youth Ministry Exchange "In *The Whole Youth Worker*, Jay gives us a glimpse at what it's like to be in the trenches--both good and bad. You will read this book and say, 'Been there--it's good to know I'm not alone!'" --Rev. Bill Fisackerly, IV, Gulf Cove United Methodist Church Learn more at www.JayTucker.net The Spiritual Discovery Series from Loving Healing Press www.LovingHealing.com

Leadership in Small Churches inspires and equips men and women who are called to serve in churches of less than 100 people, which are the majority of churches in the United States. Small churches in the United States suffer from a lack of leadership. On the one hand, there is a shortage of leaders. On the other hand, leaders who serve faithfully sometimes feel ill-equipped to carry out their calling due to inadequate training, especially a lack of training specific to small churches. This volume provides guidance from scholars and practitioners with experience in small churches. Because of their experience in and commitment to ministry in small churches, these writers are well qualified to discuss the breadth of topics in this book. These topics include developing vision, handling conflict, pastoral care, preaching, discipleship, ministry to youth and children, missions, and identifying and training leaders.

Papua New Guinea is experiencing changes that grow in significance and accelerate in

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pace. Although the majority of its population are still subsistence farmers, the postmodern world is fast making an impact. That means that, at the same time, they are strongly influenced by firmly ingrained tradition where animism is binding and a pervasive element as well as Western media with its consumerism and worldview. The most impacted are youth who are caught between the traditional and postmodern culture. In a country that is Christian by constitution, pastors are looked upon with high esteem. They need to find a way to bridge the gap, to make sense of the world youth are living in, and find a meaningful way forward. Although this book is aimed at pastors and youth workers in PNG, other sectors can benefit from the research--politicians, educators, health workers, clergy--especially if they are coming from a different culture, be that from PNG or another country.

A holistic approach to reaching Generation Z in your local church To disciple the youth in our student ministries today, we have to understand the unique characteristics of Generation Z, and apply lessons learned from recent decades of youth ministry. In this thoroughly revised second edition of *Raising the Bar: Student Ministry for a New Generation*, pastor and professor Timothy McKnight brings a wealth of new insights, resources, and guidance for reaching today's adolescents. Following an overview of the beliefs, attitudes, and practices of Generation Z, McKnight provides youth pastors and volunteers with a complete plan for discipling adolescents through the local church. This includes practical advice on topics such as:

- Engaging parents in youth ministry
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Holistically guiding students in their beliefs, behavior, and affections • Equipping adult leaders who can serve as role models • Working with pastors, staff, and church leaders • Helping parents develop rites of passage for their children as they move into adulthood • Raising expectations for adolescents to encourage them to grow toward maturity Based on years of personal experience and practice, Engaging Generation Z provides everything youth ministers need to equip, grow, and encourage today's generation of young people to follow Christ, and to take their student ministry to the next level.

This book aims at contributing to the scientific and academic discourse as regards to the 'what' and 'why' of youth ministry. Too often, youth ministry has been approached from a mainly practical point of view, almost asking how we keep young people off the streets. Its methodology has often not included the theological and theoretical presuppositions that lie behind this ministry. Previous scientific reflection has been determined by a one-dimensional and almost exclusive point of view. In comparison with existing literature, this book does not focus so much on the 'how' of youth ministry. It innovates a different approach. The book challenges the existing exclusive approach and develops an inclusive, congregational and missional understanding of and approach to youth ministry. From a particular perspective on the understanding the main objectives of Practical Theology, the author endorses the so-called movement of 'what is supposed to be going on'. He adds the outcome of an

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empirical round table discussion with some 16 leaders in this field on the descriptive and interpretive movements within the subject field: what is going on and why is it going on? The book will form the standard for any new research with regard to youth ministry. The book's contribution lies on the level of sound theological reasoning and argumentation (supported by many scholars) for an inclusive congregational understanding of ministry as an integral part of every congregation being missional in being and doing. Youth, children, adolescents and emerging adults, are just as integral a part of every congregation within which they live and serve.

Get ready for a crash course in effective communication. More than just a book on how to "do talks," *Speaking to Teenagers* combines the experience and wisdom of two veteran youth ministry speakers, along with insightful research and practical tools, to help you develop messages that engage students with the love of Christ and the power of his Word. Whether you're crafting a five-minute devotional or a 30-minute sermon, *Speaking to Teenagers* is essential to understanding and preparing great messages. Together, Doug Fields and Duffy Robbins show you how they craft their own messages and give you the tools to do it yourself. They'll guide you, step-by-step, through the process of preparing and delivering meaningful messages that effectively communicate to your students. Fields and Robbins walk you through three dimensions of a message - the speaker, the listener, and the message itself and introduce you to the concept and principles of inductive communication. You'll also get helpful tips on

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finding illustrations for your talk and using them for maximum impact, as well as insights on reading your audience and effective body language. As *Speaking to Teenagers* guides you toward becoming a more effective communicator, you'll find that this book's practical principles will positively impact the way you view, treat, and communicate to teenagers.

Offers spiritual fulfillment through an understanding of God's plan for a meaningful life. Two-thirds of today's teens are interested in having a meaningful relationship with God, yet less than one-third of them are active in a local church. These statistics indicate that it is time to change how the church does youth ministry, and this compelling book provides an impassioned plea for the church to set higher standards for ministry to teens and their families.

There are many philosophies and strategies that drive today's youth ministry. To most people, they are variations on a single goal: to make faithful disciples of young people. However, digging deeper into various programs, books, and concepts reveals substantive differences among approaches. Bestselling author Chap Clark is one of the leading voices in youth ministry today. In this multiview work, he brings together a diverse group of leaders to present major views on youth ministry. Chapters are written in essay/response fashion by Fernando Arzola, Greg Stier, Ron Hunter, Brian Cosby, and Chap Clark. As the contributors present their views and respond to each of the other views, they discuss their task and calling, giving readers the resources they need

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to develop their own approach to youth ministry. Offering a model of critical thinking and respectful dialogue, this volume provides a balanced, irenic approach to a topic with which every church wrestles.

If you long to reach kids and see their lives changed by God, this comprehensive guide shows you how. Purpose Driven® Youth Ministry will do for youth ministry what Rick Warren's Gold Medallion award-winning, The Purpose Driven® Church is doing for pastoral ministry. It's an indispensable guide to creating and maintaining youth ministry for the long run. It will help you create a solid spiritual team that builds the foundations of the Christian faith into the hearts and lives of young people. Forged around the fundamental purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship, Purpose Driven® Youth Ministry uses the experiences of Saddleback Church to illustrate what a healthy Youth ministry can be. Nine transferable principles help you - Connect with the power of God for passionate, committed leadership - Define the purpose of your ministry and communicate it effectively - Identify your potential audience - Create programs that reach your audience and fulfill God's purposes - Implement processes that move students to maturity - Enhance your ministry with clearly defined values - Team up with parents to involve the whole family - Find volunteers and develop them into participating leaders - Persevere through tough times and thrive in an ever-changing environment. Balancing both theory and practice, Purpose Driven® Youth Ministry can be applied to any church setting, regardless of

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size, denomination, facilities, resources, and existing leadership. Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry will help you develop a ministry that equips students rather than a ministry that coordinates events. Doug Fields says, "My goal for this book is to coach you through a plan to build a healthy youth ministry that isn't dependent on one great youth leader and won't be destroyed when the youth worker leaves the church. It's not a book on how to grow your youth ministry with six easy steps; it's about identifying, establishing, and building health into your church's youth ministry.

You are a student leader for a reason. Maybe you chose to be, maybe someone else chose it for you—no matter how you got here, God has a plan to use you in ministry. You and your youth worker know that you're new at this thing. You have leadership abilities, but you're still a student—so how do you do it? Doug Fields has been a youth pastor for a long time, and he has helped a few students here and there figure out how to be leaders in his ministry. Now he's here to help you. You may be afraid or overwhelmed, or you may feel privileged ... or even a little cocky ... whatever the case, the tools in this book will help you get the most of your time as a leader. Here's a little bit of what's inside:

- Learning how Jesus led others
- Lightening the load of your adult leaders
- Discovering the secrets of getting others involved
- Deepening your own faith by serving others
- Balancing your schedule—family, school, faith, leadership
- Becoming an encourager

You've been entrusted with leadership responsibilities, and Help! I'm a Student Leader! is full of hands-on leadership ideas and guidance that'll help you

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discover the leadership role that you were created to fill.

Why Teenagers Matter in the Life of the Church

Wanneer de voormalige kapitein van het machtige schip de Glory voor de laatste keer afmeert, werpt een nieuwe leider zich op. Op het eerste gezicht lijkt hij ongeschikt: hij heeft geen ervaring als kapitein, weet niets van navigatie, en heeft meerdere malen laten vallen dat hij niets met boten heeft. Toch maakt hij vanaf dat moment samen met zijn crew - de Rokkenrollers - voortaan de dienst uit, waarbij hij iedereen die hem niet aanstaat overboord gooit. Dan verschijnt er een piraat - door de passagiers gevreesd, maar aanbeden door de kapitein - aan de horizon...

If we are going to have a victorious church tomorrow, we must focus on the youth today. In this book, Comiskey lays out the biblical base for youth ministry, highlights the felt needs of today's youth, and then shows why small groups are the most effective way to make youth disciples today. Comiskey explains the difference between inter-generational cells and student-led groups, the equipping process for youth leaders, how to coach leaders, and how to get started in youth cell ministry. Comiskey also describes common errors in youth ministry and how to avoid them. This book is a must-read for all those wanting to make youth disciples through cell ministry.

Youth ministry veteran and bestselling author, Duffy Robbins, offers an updated and revised edition of his book about the important, behind-the-scenes mechanics of youth ministry. The tasks of budgeting, decision-making, time management, team ministry,

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staff relationships, conflict resolution, working with parents, and a range of other issues, are the things that keep a ministry together and functioning well. Nobody gets into youth ministry because they want to think about these things; but a lot of people get out of youth ministry because they didn't think about them. All youth workers—whether paid or volunteer, full-time or part-time—will find Youth Ministry Nuts and Bolts to be a thoughtful, fun, practical guide to youth ministry administration.

How can youth leaders, sponsors, and pastors get a good grasp on how to disciple youth at the dawn of the 21st Century? Building Together offers inspiring and creative approaches to youth ministry that take seriously the needs of youth, the life of the congregation, and the changing culture we live in. Carol Duerksen builds upon an earlier book that was ahead of its time: Blueprint for Congregational Youth Ministry, by Lavon Welty. Like its predecessor, Building Together is designed as a standard orientation and easy-to-use reference manual for those who want to nurture dynamic Christian discipleship among youth today. Book jacket.

The Purpose Driven Life Devotional for Kids includes 365 devotions that tie to the themes and ideas found in the bestselling The Purpose Driven Life written by pastor Rick Warren. Written at a third to fourth grade level, each devotion includes a Scripture, short message, and prayer or thought for the day to help kids discover who they are in God's eyes. Capturing the hearts of the new generation means ensuring they know their purpose and grow up confident of their value in God and their relationship to

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Christ. God created each of his children with a purpose in mind ... the time for them is now to, thoughtfully and prayerfully, start their incredible journey to finding that reason. Youth work . . . Time for a reboot? We need youth ministry that · has the Bible at its heart · offers firm foundations · is designed to outlive the youth worker ‘May this book contribute to the revival of biblical youth ministry.’ Ajith Fernando ‘Essential reading for every Christian youth worker.’ Andy du Feu ‘Combines a vast knowledge of the Bible and youth ministry with an easy-to-read and witty style.’ Ruth Jackson ‘An important read and worth reading for the sake of our young people.’ Phil Moon ‘Encouraging, constructive, challenging and provocative . . . A must-read, this book will captivate and stretch you.’ Neil O’Boyle ‘This book is 100% fresh, and it shouldn’t be. Read it and you will see what I mean!’ Mark Oestreicher ‘Argues powerfully why we need to encourage young people to love God and love his word.’ Mark Russell ‘Tim’s passion to ensure that the Bible shapes – rather than just informs – our work is both admirable and infectious.’ Martin Saunders ‘Shows us how youth ministry is . . . about living out the biblical story.’ Graham Stanton Tim Gough is Director of Llandudno Youth for Christ, Wales, UK, and the editor of the multi-award-winning blog www.youthworkhacks.com.

Whether you're in a relationship now or want to be in one, you have come to the right place. We can help. The average couple spends \$25,200 and over 250 hours on their wedding. That same couple spends less than \$100 and two hours on their marriage.

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Don't be guilty of having a BIG wedding and a BAD marriage. Don't spend more time focused on the ceremony than the matrimony. The wedding, while a tremendous celebration is designed to last less than a day in most cultures, while the marriage is designed to last a lifetime. Dating, engaged, married (happily or unhappily), or remarried, if you follow this resource, it is guaranteed to help you make the right decision about marriage, prepare you for marriage, or strengthen the marriage you are already in. Teresa and I have been working on this manual all our married lives - not because we are really slow writers, but because this manual is the compilation of everything we have learned in our personal lives as a married couple for 30 years with four children - boy do we have some stories to tell - as well as our professional training. This book is a compilation of what we have seen work and not work in more than 20 years of practical application working with dating, engaged, married, and remarried couples. We developed this system out of necessity. We used another manual for more than a decade until it was literally no longer available. We looked for other resources, but never found one that fit our style and that really resonated with the couples we were coaching and counseling. Finally we decided to develop our own. We completed the first draft of this manual in 2010 and started using it in our weekend intensive sessions where Teresa and I meet with a couple for approximately 10 to 12 hours from Friday afternoon through Saturday (all day). As we used this tool, we have been constantly writing, rewriting, and adding as questions and issues arose that we did not initially

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include in this resource. We would often leave the counseling room that Friday, come home, and add or modify a section based on a situation we saw or anticipated seeing the next day in the intensive. Though we have never made this tool available to anyone other than the couples we have personally worked with, our clients have urged us to share this resource, as they were genuinely moved and changed by the information contained herein. What you hold in your hands is the result of this process. This product was not developed in a classroom, using a lot of relationship theory, but rather forged in the crucible of real-life situations and circumstances. This resource is just the beginning of your journey through Relationship Success University. For more information, please visit: RelationshipSuccessUniversity.com Tags: relationships, marriage, relationships 101, marriage counseling, christian marriage, relationship rescue, love, healthy relationships

Contains a list of movies, arranged alphabetically, that illustrate life lessons, provoke discussion among students, and encourage youth to think and talk about God and the Bible.

A first-of-its-kind study of Protestant youth ministers reveals the hopes, frustrations, and effectiveness of today's youth workers. Of the 7,000 youth workers assembled in 1996 under Atlanta's Georgia Dome, a sample of 2,130 full-time youth ministers from dozens of Protestant denominations and parachurch organizations answered a battery of exhaustive, deliberate questions covering: What they liked best about youth

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ministryWhat particularly pleased them in their work with youthWhat they found most encouraging or discouragingTheir biggest obstacle to an effective youth ministryTheir biggest concern in youth ministryTheir answers revealed a dedicated group of professionals, concerned about the students in their ministries, but troubled with a variety of perplexing issues. And their answers form the backbone of *Youth Ministry That Transforms*, a comprehensive analysis of this groundbreaking study (funded by the Lilly Endowment) focusing on the hopes, frustrations, and effectiveness of today's youth workers. Spearheaded by Merton Strommen--one of America's most exemplary and influential thinkers and authors in youth and family ministry--the research-writing team is joined by Karen E. Jones and Dave Rahn of Huntington (Indiana) College's Link Institute for Faithful and Effective Youth Ministry, and acknowledged leader in the task of undergirding youth ministry with a research base. These three deliver thorough analysis and sound interpretation regarding the state of youth ministry at the dawn of the 21st century. *Youth Ministry That Transforms* belongs on the desks and in the classrooms of all who are concerned with this developing profession, including denominational and parachurch leadership, professors, youth ministry students, and thoughtful youth workers themselves. It is also an insightful resource for any who want to understand youth ministers and their profession: senior pastors, executive pastors, and other individuals and committees charged with hiring and supervising youth workers.

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This guide provides parents with an opportunity to chronicle their own personal history and past experiences as well as the history and experiences of their child's life in a direct, loving, and supportive way. Don't wait - let Parent To Child : The Guide assist you in writing the legacy you want and need to leave for your children ... just in case. Find practical answers in this handy resource! Get an inside look at the practical insights from the perspective of practitioners, who collectively have over 100 years of experience in Asian American youth ministry, as they share about the intergenerational church, student leadership, and vital outreach. Contributors: Joey Chen, Brian Gomes, Brian Hall, Eugene Kim, Danny Kwon, Caleb Lai, Angela Lee, Victor Quon, Joseph Tsang, Peter Wang, Justin Young. Editor: DJ Chuang.

Purpose Driven Youth Ministry 9 Essential Foundations for Healthy Growth Zondervan Lutheran Voices provides quality, accessible books by Lutheran authors that inform, teach, inspire, and renew. Grounded in Lutheran theology and practice, the books cover a wide range of subjects and themes of interest to members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the wider Christian community. Exploring the Purpose-Driven Church phenomenon, Eric Burtness provides pastors and church leaders with a Lutheran view of what it means to lead on purpose and integrates the Purpose-Driven philosophy into the context of Lutheran congregational life. He tells the stories of numerous Lutheran congregations, large and small, rural and urban, that have used this structure and ministry emphasis for health, growth, and revitalization.

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Teens are faced with tough choices every day - choices that have real consequences. Youth ministry veteran Jim Burns has developed Resisting Temptation to equip leaders to guide teens toward making healthy decisions. Using these action-packed, fun activities and indispensable tips for starting crucial dialogue, your teens will be talking in no time. Inside the book you'll find a special download link for additional reproducible student handouts and options for every session to tailor each study to your group's unique needs.

Praktische handleiding voor evangelisatie binnen de kerkelijke gemeente.

Kids desperately need healthy, committed adults who can help them thrive in their faith and become active participants in the life of the church. This requires the efforts of the whole faith community. Chap Clark, one of the leading voices in youth ministry today, brings together twenty-four experts from a variety of denominations and traditions to offer a comprehensive introduction to adoptive youth ministry, a theologically driven, academically grounded, and practical youth ministry model. The book shows readers how to integrate emerging generations into the family of faith, helping young adults become active participants in God's redemptive community.

De nieuwe jeugdcatechismus voor de Wereldjongerendagen 2011;;;Deze jeugdcatechismus stelt de rijkdom van het geloof op een aantrekkelijke en begrijpelijke manier voor aan jongeren. Deze nieuwe jeugdcatechismus van de katholieke kerk is een publicatie waaraan pedagogen, theologen, religieuzen én jongeren gedurende vier

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jaar hebben samengewerkt. De taal en de kleurenillustraties zullen al wie jong van hart is aanspreken. Dit boek verschijnt naar aanleiding van de Wereldjongerendagen in Madrid in augustus 2011. Meer dan 700.000 jongeren zullen eraan deel nemen. Deze uitgave wil jongeren helpen om hun geloof beter te verwoorden en beleven. Deze uitgave geniet de steun van de Belgische en Nederlandse bisschoppenconferentie en kwam mede tot stand dankzij de Oostenrijkse kardinaal Schönborn.

Adolescence can leave a young person feeling particularly ungifted - as if they don't fit in anywhere. But that's not what God has in mind. He has given every believer, young and old, unique spiritual gifts to build up His body. In *Spiritual Gifts*, Jim Burns and Doug Fields, noted leaders in youth ministry, take high school students through a study of the spiritual gifts listed in Scripture and then work through an exercise to help them discover their own gifts and how to use them. Watch teens come to life when they discover that they are gifted and have much to offer the body of Christ. Inside the book you'll find a special download link for additional reproducible student handouts and options for every session to tailor each study to your group's unique needs.

Join the conversation as experts propose, defend, and explore *Four Views of Youth Ministry and the Church*. In a dialog that often gets downright feisty, four youth ministry academicians delineate their distinct philosophical and ecclesiological views regarding how youth ministry relates to the church at large--and leave a taste of what's profound and what's not in these four typologies: Inclusive congregational (Malan Nel). What

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happens when a church thoroughly integrates its adolescents, making them full partners in every aspect of congregational life? Preparatory (Wesley Black). Why and how should a church consider its teenagers as disciples-in-training and its youth ministry a school of preparation for future participation in church life? Missional (Chap Clark). What does a church look like, whose youth ministry does not necessarily nurture "church kids" but is essentially evangelistic? Whose youths and youth workers are considered missionaries? Strategic (Mark Senter). How feasible is it for a youth ministry to become a new church on its own--the youth pastor becoming the pastor, and the new church planted with the blessing of the mother church? In *Four Views of Your Ministry and the Church*, solid academic writing and an inviting tone and design create a compelling text for both in-the-field, practicing youth workers and undergraduates and graduate students.

Since forever altering the course of the youth ministry world with his best-selling, groundbreaking book, *Purpose-Driven® Youth Ministry*, Doug Fields' mind—but especially his heart—has been focused on the many unique needs of new youth workers. Doug translated his passion, insight, and vision for his beloved "rookies" into what you're now reading, *Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry*—hands-down the most comprehensive companion to not only surviving, but also thriving, during the most crucial phase of youth ministry. Employing his renowned wisdom and humor—as if you and Doug were chatting over a long, relaxing meal—the author disarmingly relates

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stories and principles from his own successes and failures over 20-plus years in youth ministry. In the end, he offers treasure troves of practical advice, all in the hope that new youth workers can travel a smoother path and achieve real longevity in a church culture that all too often chews them and spits them out. Doug covers all-important issues such as: Dealing with discouragement, Establishing a solid spiritual foundation, Building effective relationships with students, Resolving conflict, Ministering to parents and families, Trailblazing change, Working with volunteers, Defining a realistic job description, And many others! In addition, a chorus of insightful sidebar voices joins your conversation with Doug, among them ministry veterans Jim Burns, Steve Gerali, Mike Yaconelli, Helen Musick, Chap Clark, Marv Penner, Rick Warren, Jana L. Sundene, Bo Boshers, Duffy Robbins, Tony Campolo, and Richard Ross, all who've composed extensive, topical essays for each of the dozen chapters. *Your First Two Years of Youth Ministry* is a must-have tool for new youth workers, volunteers, seminary professors and students, senior pastors, elders, church boards—even veteran youth workers who've been ministering in unstructured environments and are now asking, “What did I miss? What can I still learn?” The first two years of youth ministry are never easy. But never fear. Doug fervently assures us: “Hang on. Hope's coming!”

How do we ground our young people in the faith while encouraging their relationships with friends of other faiths? Veteran youth minister and researcher Len Kageler digs into the data surrounding this exciting multifaith era and offers surprising confidence that our kids can be

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guided into mature Christian faith while simultaneously learning to love their neighbors of other religions.

These six new study guides have six sessions each and enable small groups to explore the power and life application of Jesus teaching on the five biblical purposes of a Christian life by closely examining Christ's model in the Gospels."

Hollywood possesses easy access to your students' minds and hearts...so how 'bout gearing movies messages to your own teaching? Since you've used the best-selling Videos That Teach and Videos That Teach 2 to transform the movies into meaningful teaching and discussion tools for your students, why stop there? Here comes Videos That Teach 3, packed with easy-to-use guides for another 75 video clips from today's most popular films. Armed with Quick Clip Locators indexed by topic and Bible reference, this volume is organized to help you get the most out of each clip. Plus, once you've chose a clip, its short lesson comes complete with summaries, start and stop times, discussion questions, and Scripture references for illustrating your lesson or igniting conversations with your students. And no matter what kinds of movies your kids enjoy, you'll find what you need here from films such as Spiderman, Minority Report, About a Boy, The Four Feathers, Pearl Harbor, Antwone Fisher, Catch Me If You Can, Shrek, Legally Blonde, The Recruit, Kate and Leopold, The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, and more! Ideal for youth workers, Bible study leaders, Sunday school teachers, and movie enthusiasts of all kids, Videos That Teach 3 will prove among the most valuable tools in your teaching library---and a no-full tool at that!

For more than two centuries, youth ministries have either strengthened teenagers after a special encounter with God or tried to retain them until such a moment with God shows up.

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Here veteran youth ministry expert Mark Senter provides the first substantial history of the phenomenon of American Protestant youth ministry. More than a history, this book highlights the evolution of adolescence and adolescent spirituality, outlines three distinct cycles in the history of youth ministry, describes the major shapers of youth ministry over the last century, and helps readers understand trends and changes in youth ministry and their connections to broader church life.

Just like all schools are not the same, all youth groups are not the same. But how can parents know that their kids are going to a good, Biblical youth ministry? And what makes a group ""Biblical""? In "Playing Games with God," Sam Magdalein lays out a simple framework that parents can use when searching for and examining a youth group for their teens. But what about modern youth ministries? Parents may have a feeling that something is wrong in these churches, but can't quite put their finger on the problem. Sam includes a thorough examination of the foundations, philosophies, drivers, and everyday practices of modern youth groups. Using numerous quotes from youth ministry seminary textbooks, lessons plans from youth ministry conferences, ministry resource books, and articles, you'll read in their own words what modern churches are actually doing with our kids.

In an expressivist culture, effective engagement must acknowledge teenagers' freedom to choose their own spiritual path. Yet, in an evangelical theology, faithful formation must hold on to biblical authority. As we seek to engage young people with the Bible, key questions need to be explored. Such questions include: how can pedagogical freedom be affirmed without undermining theological authority; and how can authority be asserted without diminishing personal freedom? This study explores a freedom-authority dialectic in theological dialogue

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with the educational philosophy of Maxine Greene. Greene's reflection on the arts and the imagination are brought into conversation with insights from Charles Taylor, Garret Green, and Nicholas Wolterstorff. As a work of practical theology, the book concludes with a framework to shape the purpose, content, and values for Bible engagement in contemporary youth ministry.

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