



Youth Ministry Task Force Report

New Journey
Ahead

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Evaluation

MAIN STRENGTHS TO BUILD UPON:

- Emphasis on Bible education.
- Equipping students to serve.
- Building a family based youth ministry.
- Our partnerships with camps and mission locations.
- Our holistic approach from preschool through grade 12.

MAIN CONCERNS TO OVERCOME:

- The lack of a central youth meeting.
- The lack of “WIN” efforts and missional focus.
- The redundancy of our “BUILD” efforts.
- The lack of clarity in our discipleship process.
- The need for an organizational structure that can build a more focused youth ministry.



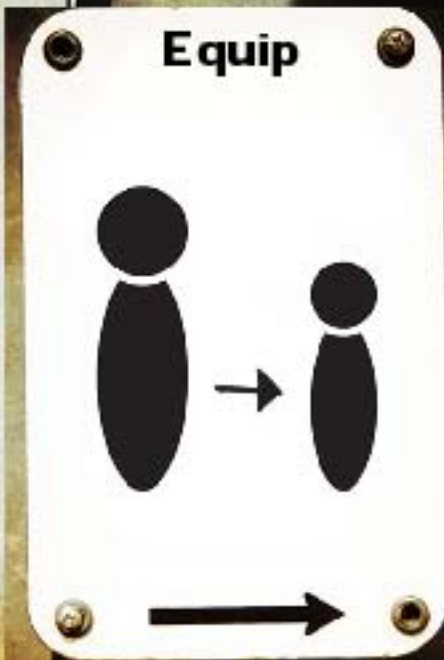
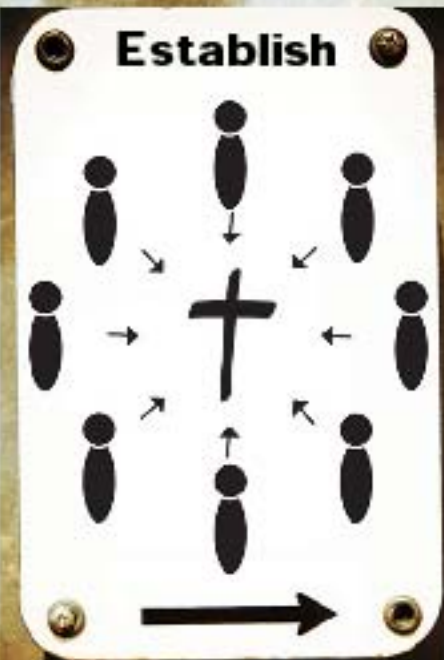
Recommendation 1: Discipleship Process



	<u>Encounter</u>	<u>Establish</u>	<u>Equip</u>	<u>Engage</u>
Relationship levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited relationship with God and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Growing relationships with God and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Empowering relationships with God and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leading in relationships with God and others
Knowledge levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic concepts of God and the Christian life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deeper study of God's word, church, and the Christian life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Study character and how God develops ldrsStudy of ministry tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deeper study of faith and relationshipsStudy of contemp issues
Discipleship levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigating	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Joining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Serving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multiplying



E4 Concept





AWANA Ideas

Recommendation 2: Expand Journey

STATED PRIORITIES OF AWANA:

- The first priority of AWANA is the proclamation of the Gospel .
- The Journey program is specifically designed to “encourage students to bring unchurched friends.”
- Leaders are supposed to be “explaining salvation and encouraging students to trust Christ as Savior.”
- The Journey program is also designed to encourage students to spend time in the Word of God, think Biblically, understand spiritual identity, and enhance confidence in Christ.

NEW PROGRAMMING FOR JOURNEY:

- AWANA recommends the Journey ministry have three components.
- The **Featured Event** is intended to be a monthly activity to attract students and their friends.
- **Large Group** time is designed to introduce spiritual content and create a place where teens feel welcome and accepted.
- **Small Group** time is designed to be a key relationship building time between the leader and the student.



Application

AWANA & E4 Discipleship

<u>Encounter</u>	<u>Establish</u>	<u>Equip</u>	<u>Engage</u>
Monthly Featured Event	Weekly Large Group meeting	Weekly Small Group meeting	Weekly LIT experience

New Journey Schedule

Wednesday	6:30 – 7:30pm	LIT service in AWANA
Wednesday	7:30 – 8:30pm	Weekly Large Group meeting (other curriculum)
Sunday	11am – 12pm	Weekly Small Group meeting (main curriculum)
Sunday	6:30 – 8pm	Monthly Featured Event

Looking for direction?
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Empowerment

Recommendation 3: YM Committee

THE CASE FOR A YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

- Youth ministry is a priority at FBC (hired pastor, summer intern, budget, etc.).
- The C.E. Committee oversees far too many programs to give focused attention to youth ministry.
- A Youth Ministry Committee could formally bring together key youth ministry leadership (from Sunday school, AWANA, etc.) and parents.
- This committee could assist and empower the youth pastor to lead a more focused and cohesive ministry (example: Worship Committee).