

☐ The Youth ministry at FBC Powell exists to equip the parents in the spiritual formation and discipleship of their students by helping the parents fulfill the command in **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**. We completely understand that the primary role of discipleship in a student's life comes from the home. Therefore, we exist to come alongside the parents in this God-glorifying task.

- How does the Youth ministry set out to accomplish this?

2 Key Components:

I. God's Word

- First, our theme verse is **2 Timothy 2:15** "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."
- Everything we do is centered around the Word of God. We want to present our ministry to God as one that is approved by Him. Therefore, we labor in the Word of God and we use it as our only source of truth.
- Next, we take the words of Ephesians 4:12-14 to heart.
 - **Ephesians 4:12-14** "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes."
- If we believe that the Bible is God's inerrant, inspired, Holy Word, (**2 Timothy 3:16**, **2 Peter 1:20-21**) then we must use it as our only source of truth. All other books are just resources that help us understand the Source.

"We visit other books but we live in the Bible".

Dr. Dan Dumas

- Our Youth Ministry exists to glorify God by sharing the truth. We do not shy away from the tough subjects. Our ministry is built upon **Ephesians 2:20** and **Matthew 16:14-18**, Jesus Christ the Cornerstone. We make no apologies for this and we stand on this truth.

II. Biblical Fellowship

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

A. Intentional Gatherings

- Fun is not a bad thing, but when it becomes the focal point of the ministry then you have a club instead of a church.
- We desire that all of our fellowship gatherings or social events are to be used as opportunities to be intentional with our students. We not only desire to share the gospel, we desire to live the gospel.
 - **Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

B. Intentional Conversations

As **2 Timothy 2:15** permeates our ministry; the theme of knowing God's Word makes the expectation for the Youth to know the Word of God and actually use it in their conversations with one another (especially those who do not know Christ).

- Our prayer is that the Youth would practice **2 Timothy 4:2** "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."
- And **1 Peter 3:15** "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"
- We believe that God desires for our conversations to be saturated with the words of God.
- We have been given the Word of God. It is our responsibility to know it and use it in our daily conversations!
 - **Psalms 119:11** I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Conclusion:

- At some point after salvation, we must all move beyond the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity in the Scriptures. (**Hebrews 5:13- Hebrews 6:1**)
- We desire to help parents train up God-fearing, Scripture soaked, Gospel proclaiming, young men and women.
- We desire to help foster a biblical worldview that informs us in every situation in life. Our greatest desire is that we would impart Biblical truth to the students and that they would go out as salt and light and believe in the power of the Gospel! **Romans 1:16**
- Finally, as it pertains to our life circumstances, we want our students to remember: "if they have a little god, then they will have big problems; if they have a big God, their problems will be small"...