



Planning Made Easy

The Bridge from What? To Why?
Programs that really Matter

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BREAK OUT



**WHY ARE YOUTH PROGRAMS
SO IMPORTANT?**

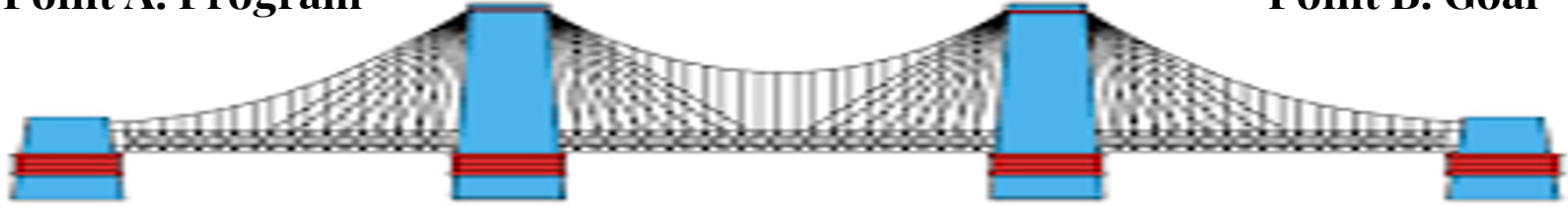
10 Common reasons youth leaders do programs

1. **Something**-just fill the time that was given.
2. **Nothing**-we don't do anything: we do nothing.
3. **Anything**-better than nothing: do anything.
4. **Everything**-Super busy, hyperactive, lots of activity.
5. **One thing**-focus on just one thing.
6. **Best Thing**-we only do high quality.
7. **Same Thing**-we're in a rut, highly predictable.
8. **New Thing**-we only do the latest: we love fads.
9. **Old Thing**- stick with what the previous generation did.
10. **My Thing**-whatever I want, I don't need a reason.

BREAK OUT

Choose one of the Common reasons that you think it's more important and discuss it with your group.

Point A: Program



Point B: Goal

What is the Goal you want to achieve with your program?

Having a goal is essential to provide direction for our programs. It must be a goal that motivates the youth group.

In order for you to know what you are doing you need a plan.

You need a plan to get from Point A to Point B.

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Discuss what types
of Youth Programs
we do for our youth
and
why do we do
them/What's the
purpose???

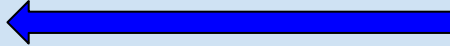
PROGRAMS

WHY???



- Youth groups (Bible Study)
- Youth Day
- Saturday Night
- Social/Recreational events
- Prayer/Testimony
- Camp Outs/ Youth Retreats

HOW???



GOAL

- Christenlikeness



-Notice how the programs are big and appealing.

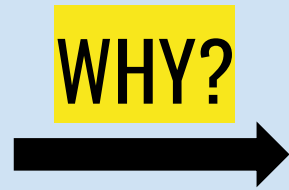
-Do you notice that the programs require **ACTION**?

If we do a program based on Jesus life and our Goal is to be like Christ it needs to lead into Action. It needs to be more specific.

You need something additional that relates to the goal and the program-something that links them together in a way useful for our purposes, plans, implementation, and evaluation.

You need a **BRIDGE** between your programs and your goal. You need a **PHILOSOPHY**.

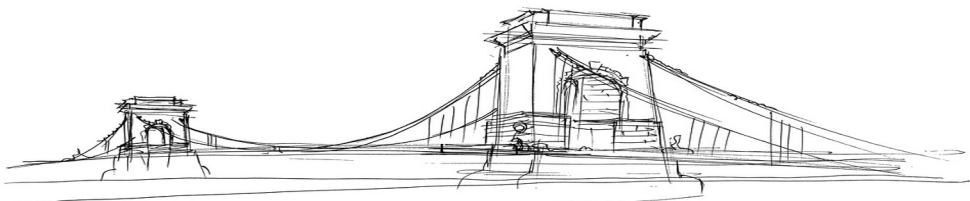
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- PHILOSOPHY**
- Fostering relationships that build responsible servant Leaders



- GOAL**
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THE BRIDGE: A statement of Philosophy

Philosophy

Fostering

- To influence things a certain direction
- ** Includes Planning ahead and being proactive

Relationships

- Bring people and God together/Closer
- Although Sin causes separation, We find
- Unity in Christ

That Build

- Dynamic Part
- Freshness and life

Responsible

- Freedom
- Choices
- Action

Servant

- Received life; Give life
- Don't hoard
- Look outside of Church

Leaders

- Talents
- Need one follower
- Does not depend on Age
- Empower others

BREAK ROOMS

Between your group choose a program, a Goal and a philosophy to implement your overall goal.



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“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”

Luke 14:28

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”

Proverbs 16:3

