Foundations of Youth Ministry  06CE701  (2 Credits)  Summer 2014  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

GOALS:
Expected outcomes from this class include the following:

1. To fall more in love with Jesus Christ and His adolescent children.
2. To embrace The Message of the Gospel and strong Methods found in Scripture to address dynamic youth work.
3. To grasp an understanding of the stages of growth of adolescents and the psychosocial world they live in, applying them to youth work.
4. To develop a Christ directed vision and biblical philosophy of youth ministry that can be articulated with focus to parents, church leadership, and adult volunteers.
5. To embrace a clear practical understanding of how youth work may be strategically developed and evaluated using biblical models.
6. To determine the needed skills in relating, connecting, determining needs, listening, communicating and ministering to adolescents.
7. To be prepared to thrive in program planning in the context of a church or outreach ministry.

Required Reading:
The Holy Bible: selected passages  
Mark Cannister, Teenagers Matter - 232 pages  
Mark DeVries, Sustainable Youth Ministry- 215 pages  
Dean Borgman, Foundations for Youth Ministry -300 pages  
Mike Work, Ginny Olsen, Youth Ministry Management Tools 2.0  
Kara Powell, Sticky Faith

Course Schedule:
Each Class will begin with a passage of scripture related to Youth Work
What is the Purpose of Youth Ministry?
Deut. 6
How do we develop a Vision to reach youth?

What is a “youth disciple”? - Expectations  
Beginning with the end on mind- vision casting.

How Did We Get Here??
1 Thess. 1 & 2
A Brief History of “The Teenager” and Youth Ministry  
How do we develop a Philosophy of Youth Ministry
2 Timothy 3
that is biblical and responds to their real needs?
What is the spiritual condition of our youth today? Luke 2
What is the psychosocial picture of youth today?
What is Developmental Growth in Adolescence?
The World Beneath: Dealing with Cultural Stresses

Spiritual Formation of young people: Internal & External
   Internal transformation/External behaviors
2 Timothy
   Making Disciples of youth that evangelize and serve
   Imparting disciplines into young people that flourish

The Youth Worker: Personal Life
Luke 10
   We cannot impart what you do not possess.
Songs 1
   The Call, Priorities & The Healthy Lifestyle
   What are the personal relationships of a Youth Worker?
   What are the pitfalls of a Youth worker?

The Youth Worker: Professional Life 1 Peter 5
   What are the developed skills of a Youth Worker?
   The Essential Professional Relationships
How do we develop a Leadership Team? 1 Thess. 1 & 2
   The relational Youth Family Concept
   John 13, 1 Cor. 12
How do we develop a thriving Program that is biblical Acts 2
   and effectively meets the real needs of our youth?
   How do we keep people over program?
   How do we start from scratch?
How do we assure we are building youth to their families?
Administration, Organization, Delegation, Budget,
   & Maintaining Quality Kingdom Work Luke 11
   How do we connect our young people in the local church?
1 Cor. 12
   How do we assure we are building youth to their families?
   How do we faithfully respond to Youth in Crisis?
   Safety, Legality, and other serious concerns

GRADING: We will go over grading expectations the first day of class. All assignments are to be in HARD Copy and turned in by Aug. 31 (except for book Reviews, which are due first day of class).