

Calvary Bible Church

Youth Ministry Purpose Statement

We seek to nurture the youth of our church, so that our teens grow in their commitment to “**Pleasing God and Making Disciples of Christ,**” and are equipped with the Bible to declare the Gospel and defend the Christian faith. We do this through Christ honoring fellowship activities, training and equipping in our Five Essentials of Discipleship.

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Philosophy of Youth Ministry

FAMILIES

The church is to teach and equip individuals to have God honoring roles within the family. Parents are taught and equipped for their role as the primary discipler of their children (Deut.6.6-9, Eph. 6.1-4). We believe the teen years are a time of transition from childhood to adulthood. While still under the nurture and authority of their parents; it is the time where independent choices, decisions and individual accountability begin. We seek to assist and facilitate this transition and to encourage / train teens to embrace their role within the family to obey and honor their parents (Col 3.20, Ex 20.12).

NURTURE IS THE MINISTRY PRIORITY

We are primarily a nurturing youth ministry and, although a critical byproduct, outreach is not our primary purpose. We will train and equip our youth to “**please God and make disciples of Christ**” through effective and practical training in the Bible, evangelism and apologetics. As a part of this, we will seek to create an environment within the youth group where students feel safe, experience community and can discover their identity in Christ.

We will teach the Scriptures in a manner that is relevant and applicable to issues that are a part of our student’s lives and culture. While challenging students to grow in sanctification, we will seek to avoid legalistic, works oriented thinking by pointing regularly to God’s love and grace.

AN INTEGRAL PART OF, AND INTERGRATED WITHIN, THE LOCAL CHURCH

In all we do, we seek to create an understanding / attitude / commitment within our teens that they function as an integral part of Calvary Bible Church, not simply a youth group. We believe the first place of spiritual nurture for every believer (believing teens and their families) is the ***Sunday Morning Worship Services***. Therefore, our goal is that families worship together under the preaching of God’s Word within our corporate worship gatherings.

The standards, expectations, convictions of Calvary Bible Church are uniform for every ministry: children, youth, college, singles, and adults. The CBC Statement of Values, dated March 4, 1997 is the standard for all our ministries.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

A sanctified life is made possible through the work of Christ by the indwelling Holy Spirit and is required for intimacy with God. Therefore, for the sake of His name, we emphasize the establishment and development of spiritual disciplines. Among them are our Five Essentials of Discipleship ...

1. Bible Study & Memorization
2. Prayer
3. Personal Ministry
4. Disciple Making
5. Personal Holiness