

STUDENT MINISTRY EXPANSION

Needs Identified

Losing kids after graduation
Weak support base for career-bound students
Weak age structure in college department
Harsh transition from Youth Ministry
Lack of time for strong mentoring relationships in college department
Strange age mixtures with singles' department
Poor communication on ministry enlistment

Groups Identified

7-8th Grade Junior High

Transitional years from childhood to teens
Entering very insecure time
Entering family stress time
Entering huge maturity transitions

9th-10th Grades

Entering testing years
Peer pressure is high
World pressure is high
Attitude is very volatile

11th-12th Grades

Emerging into leaders
Awakening to impending decisions
Preparing for adulthood

Freshman-Sophomore

Transitioning into adult life

Life responsibilities grow
Applying truth daily
Hungry for real answers
Hopeful toward the future
Need support for secular career track

Junior-Senior-Post Grad (Schmidts, Tierneys)

Entering leadership in college arena

Entering career field
Preparing for marriage and family
Big dreams and plans

What about Activities?

Senior High – no changes
College Group – separate from singles

- separate winter retreat
- monthly after church fellowships

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End Results of Transitions

Keep more young adults faithful after graduation
Stronger support base for students with career track
Age defined classes addressing specific needs
Seamless transition through Youth Ministry
Strong relationships maintained throughout youth
Separate from new and better defined Singles Department
More careful ministry placement

Bottom Line – More young lives faithful to Jesus Christ in the coming decades.
