

2003 YOUTH MINISTRY SURVEY

In January of 2003 we asked teenagers what the Youth Ministry meant to them and here are their responses:

People love and care about you. A place I can come for comfort.
People who care about me and my future. Sound advice when I don't know where to turn. Friends who know my problems.
It means a lot to me, because this is where I have grown to love and trust the Lord. Now I am planning to serve Him, and raise my family to be godly and good, due to this youth group.
A place for teenagers to grow spiritually.
A place to make memories. A place where you can find answers and discover who God is.
This Youth Ministry has been a wonderful place that I feel has prepared me for life and given me some of the most awesome memories of my whole life. Thank you for everything!
I can't imagine not having the Youth Ministry here! The activities we have are not only fun, they help me extensively spiritually. My best friends are from the Youth Group and I can tell the leaders really love us.
It is a ministry where the teens of the area are reached out to (unsaved and away from the Lord), where Christian teens can have clean fun, and where they can be prepared for adulthood.
Hanging out with my friends and listening to preaching
A place to grow.
It helps me walk closer to God, and I get to meet a lot of new friends. It means everything to me!!
It helps you grow and be more mature to have the privilege to do more things like the grown-ups.
This has been a fun time and I am sad that I will be graduating in 4 months. I did not start appreciating it until my senior year. Bro. Schmidt is awesome and the best youth pastor any youth group could have. If one grows spiritually all depends on if one hangs out with the right crowd or not. Unfortunately, most of my years I have been in the middle- not wanting to sell out- but then not wanting to do "bad." But this year has been a good year. I have surrendered to God and am willing to do whatever He wants me to do because of this ministry. Camp, Winter Retreat, etc... has really helped me.
Helps me walk with the Lord.
I've been in this youth group since 7 th grade and I love it! The Youth Ministry is awesome! There are great activities where the focus is on Christ and growing closer to Him. It means to me: mentoring teens so they'll grow up in God's perfect will for their life, and having fun at the same time.

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<p>Youth Ministry is a chance to prepare for the future... spiritually. It's a chance for you to meet right friends. It is a chance for someone like your Youth Pastor to preach messages specifically for teens. Youth Ministry is an opportunity to make teenagers desire to serve God.</p>
<p>Family</p>
<p>The Youth Ministry means a lot to me. It's awesome, and I would never change it for the world. People truly care about you.</p>
<p>It means Fun in the Son. Spiritual growth. Spiritual love.</p>
<p>It means I can go somewhere that I know that the people in it care for me, but more importantly, they have a heart for God and want to develop mine.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A place that helps me grow and know Christ better. 2. A place where I can have fun and honor Christ. 3. It gets me ready for life and shows me what to stay away from.
<p>Friends</p>
<p>The Youth Ministry to me is a place and opportunity for me and other teens to have a place in the church! It's the kind of place that welcomes every one and a place where I can grow spiritually in the Word. It's a place where I can go and ask for help in my life! It's a place where we can be serious and have fun!</p>
<p>It means that I get to learn more about God and to grow spiritually.</p>
<p>It's a time to get around God's Word with friends. Hanging out with friends. It's a place that helps my Christian walk.</p>
<p>It means a lot. It's helped with spiritual growth towards God and parents/authority. It has helped strengthen friendships and relationships.</p>
<p>The Youth Ministry is fun.</p>
<p>It means fun, spiritual growth, and good stuff!</p>
<p>It means growing closer to God, and making friends with godly people.</p>
<p>It's being able to have godly friends and activities that help you grow spiritually. A place where I know I can talk to any adult and they will listen and truly care about what is happening in my life.</p>
<p>The Youth Ministry has helped me to grow spiritually and has healed past wounds. This is the best Youth Ministry.</p>
<p>It means a lot. It helps me to grow in the Lord.</p>
<p>It means a place of fellowship.</p>
<p>It helps me to stay close to God through my teenage years, and not to stray away from Him. It helps me to be more Christ-like.</p>
<p>It helps me know more from the Bible. It makes me a better Christian.</p>
<p>It means a whole lot to me! It helps me to love the Lord and respect Him more.</p>
<p>The Youth Ministry is a place that I can come and learn and grow in the Lord. It's where I can be around godly influences that will never lead me astray.</p>
<p>It has a bunch of people I can talk to about anything and they will listen to me and support me.</p>
<p>It helps me with my Christian walk.</p>
<p>It's a way to reach to other teens and people all over the city.</p>

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It's a place for spiritual growth, a place for fellowship and fun, and a place to meet others.
It's a gathering of the church youth to grow them spiritually.
It's the most awesome thing a teen could experience and have.
It's a way to bring teens to God's Word. It's a way to get teens saved.
It helps me in my Christian walk.
It is the getting of advice from adults who have gone through the same stuff we are going through, and it is a spiritual help with my walk with God!
It's fun and exciting and great!
It's reaching out to teens.
It means a lot to me.
It's great, fun, good, and nice.
It shows a love for me and patience for teenagers. There are caring people. It's a place to have fun and serve God.
It means Youth Pastors preparing us for our future.
It's a place to grow spiritually.
It's an outreach for other teens.
I love it, and it means a lot to me. It's the greatest thing I have.
It means a bunch of fun activities with great preaching.
It's somewhere where Christian teens can have fun, fellowship, and great preaching.
It's a way to increase my walk with God.
It's a way to get closer to God.
It means a lot because it makes it possible for me to have lasting friendships. I have been saved through the youth ministry, and I have also grown closer to God.
It's an opportunity to grow as a Christian with other teenagers who share the same belief. It's an opportunity to reach out to other teens.
It means spending time with friends, making new ones, and growing spiritually.
It means getting to know new people, getting to know friends, having fun with friends, and growing spiritually in the Lord.
Fun.
It's an easy way to make new friends, and grow spiritually with fellow Christians who share the same belief.
It's an easy way to make new friends, get to know people, and reach other teens.
It's a place where I can learn to grow spiritually. I love it. I'm going to miss it next year. You can talk to the youth workers about things in your life, and they are sincere in trying to help you. It's Awesome!!
Six months ago, I was ready to take my own life, but because of the encouragement of Bro. Schmidt and the testimony of some of the kids in the youth group, I'm stronger now more than ever. The youth ministry is a life-saving, life-changing, and life-loving work of God. Without it I would be dead.
It will help me face the world and life when I'm older. It helps me with the problems I'm facing already. It helps me to feel like I'm not alone as a Christian.
It's an institution where we have Christian fellowship and friendship.

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It means a lot to me.
The youth ministry means a lot to me because it helps me or someone else to become closer to God.
Good fellowship, people who care about you, helpful messages.
A place to go for friendships, and a chance to get away from home.
Preparing me for life. Keeping me on the right track through my teen years. Spiritual Growth. Having fun the right way.
It is a great place for spiritual growth, and building great friendships, and preparing for life in the world.
Great friends, great influence on my life, people who care about me.
Good friends, nice fellowship, people who care, activity, wicked good time!
Changing lives at a young age and reaching the next generation to impact the future in a good way.
Family and friend fellowship.
Friends and fellowship.
It means friends and fun.
It means the world to me. It's a big group of friends where we can grow in the Lord.
Helps me in my Christian walk, and to know what is good.
Fun.
It is a lot of fun it helps me follow God more often.
I think it's important to be with people my age so that we can grow spiritually together.
A place where I can grow as a Christian and make good friends.
Loving others, fun, godly friendships, reaching out to lost teens; I love public school outreaches, etc. Getting to talk to teenagers who've never heard of salvation. Adults who love us who we can talk to about trials, Seeing God change the lives of teenagers.
A place I can gather around other Christian teens and godly authorities and grow in my Christian walk while having fun.
It gives me insight on the things of life that sometimes my parents can't explain or forget to; it means great memories and equally sad ones.
A place where teenagers can be themselves. Where they feel comfortable and can talk to people about spiritual matters.
It is a place where I can meet great friends. Where the Bible lessons apply to me and are put in my terms.
It is the best part of the church.
A place to grow spiritually! But also a place to have a great time with your friends.
It is a place to grow spiritually and have a good time with friends while making new ones.
A way to reach teens all over the place.
A place of good influences.
Getting to know God better while I am young.
Spiritual growth, fun, cool youth workers.
Teens going out to other teens and getting them saved and in the group to serve in the ministry.

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Reaching out to others.
It means to have fun.
The Youth Ministry is like a home for me and I really enjoy the workers and teenagers.
A group of Christian teens that I can be a part of.
A group of teens with strict standards and good convictions.
I learn from the Bible more, and it helps me to be a better Christian
It means friends, and fellowship. I like it. Not being at home.
A place for fellowship with other teens. A place to lead other teens to Christ.
The Youth Ministry is a place for me to just get away from things and act serious and not serious sometimes where I enjoy the company of friends
It means where I go to church with other teenagers and I grow closer with my walk with God.
It means teens learn about God together.
Hanging out with friends that will help my spiritual walk with God.
I love it! It means everything! It's really hard to put into words, it's just so awesome all of us getting together with the good of growing spiritual and we have fun doing it. It's not something I dread
It's fun and exciting.
A place I can gather around other Christian teens and godly authorities and grow in my Christian walk while having fun.
It has helped me when my family had family problems. It has given me a school to go to.
Greatest thing a teen could experience.
Lots of fun activities. Great teachers and great preaching.
Means a place to grow spiritually and to have good fellowship with really cool people.
A place to grow spiritually and a place to fellowship with your friends.
It means the world to me.
