

Youth Ministry: Now and Not Yet

Chapter 1: 10,000 FOOT VIEW

For senior pastors and point youth workers: work together in creating a baseline understanding of your youth ministry by looking at the following areas:

- a. The demographics in your own setting including a breakdown of age, gender, attendance, interests, schools they attend, family connection to the church, etc.
- b. Clearly outline how the youth ministry in your church functions: programmatic elements, reporting structure, training development, relational connection with youth, partnership with parents, empowerment of youth leadership, investment in community service and outreach, connection with camps, connection with the larger church family, role of mentoring, etc.
- c. Define the goals or expectations of the youth ministry. How will they be effectively evaluated?
- d. Articulate the purpose or mission of this ministry and who the youth ministry is reaching (e.g. un-churched youth, hurting youth, youth of those families in the church, etc.).