

# ***Philosophy of Youth Ministry***

## **Definition**

At The Bible Church of Brownsburg we define Youth Ministry as evangelizing and teaching the Scriptures to young men and women in middle school and high school ages, in order that they might be reconciled to God and grow in maturity, all for the glory of God.

## **Purpose**

The Youth Ministry of The Bible Church of Brownsburg exists supremely to glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31; Romans 11:36) by:

- Exalting the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Equipping and edifying believers for ministry of the church, both corporate and individual
- Evangelizing the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- To develop a healthy sense of community within the group.

## **Importance of Youth Ministry**

In Matthew 28:19, the Lord Jesus commands His followers to go and make disciples. Being a disciple of Christ, one who has repented and trusted in Him for his/her salvation, is not exclusive to a certain age. However, both the young and the elderly are called to repent. Thus, we make it our goal that the Gospel be clearly proclaimed and the Scriptures adequately taught to youth that they might know the Truth and be reconciled to God. There is nothing more important than salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ and we desire to see all youth come into a saving relationship with Him. (Matthew 28:18-20)

For those who are Christians, we make it our aim of the utmost importance to teach the Bible in its entirety to the youth that they may grow in spiritual maturity. (Colossians 1:28) It is a serious reality that youth are bombarded with the things of this world, including many trials and temptations. Therefore, it is imperative that young men and women are taught how to filter everything they encounter through a Biblical worldview.

## **Mission**

To present to young men and women, the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that they might come to know Him, grow in their relationship with Him, and make Him known to the world around them. That young men and women in Christ would grow in Biblical wisdom and discernment when engaging and encountering their surrounding culture. (Colossians 1:28; 1 Corinthians 14:20)

## **Method**

We at The Bible Church of Brownsburg believe in the sufficiency and necessity of the Bible for faith and godliness. Therefore, above all, we devote our focus to the study and application of God's Word, that we might love God and love our neighbor. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Matthew 22:37-39)

## **Primacy of Family**

Since the Lord has given the ultimate responsibility of raising and teaching children to the parents, we seek to come alongside parents to aid, nourish, and support the family. (Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:6)

## **Unity as a Church**

It is our desire at The Bible Church of Brownsburg that the Youth Ministry not exist as a separate entity of the church, but instead as an integral part of the corporate church. It is our goal that the Youth Ministry not be individualistic and self-focused, however that the youth would worship with and serve the church. As we seek to apply the Scriptures it is our practice that the church community would be encouraged and built-up by the youth. These include things such as practicing the One Anothers found in the Scriptures, evangelizing with fellow Christians, serving and encouraging other members of the church, and reaching out to serve the community. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

## **Conduct**

We will carry and conduct ourselves in a way that honors and glorifies God, while also honoring and loving one another. As stated in the church covenant: "With humility and gentleness, patience and love, we will be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us. (Ephesians 4:1-2; Luke 17:3; Colossians 3:13; I Thessalonians 5:11; I Peter 1:22)"