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These forty field-tested guides from veteran speakers are essential tools and supplements for any youth worker. Each outline includes sidebars with key illustrations, object lessons, video or music clip suggestions, and/or speaker tips. To facilitate application of the message, each outline is followed by dozens of questions for use in small groups. All the outlines are compiled on a companion CD-ROM and are fully indexed. "Contemplative Youth Ministry is refreshing rain for dry youth workers and barren youth ministries. More than the same old youth ministry tips and tricks, it gives principles and practices to soak in God's grace, love, and power. I wish I had read it 15 years ago." - Kara Powell, Ph.D., executive director, Center for Youth Ministry and Family Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary "Mark invites readers to be encountered by the presence of Jesus who is always near. This book is transparent about the challenges that churches and families face as they desire to be effective in youth ministry. The book is filled with the honest stories of different kinds of youth ministries representing the breadth of Christianity in the United States. I heartily endorse Contemplative Youth Ministry as a rich encounter with the souls of youth and adults whose lives have been transformed by our very present God." - Bill Kees, director of youth ministries, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) "Mark Yaconelli not only reminds us of some of the long-forgotten pathways of faith, he shares with us how it actually looks when men and women who love God practice it with young people. I especially appreciate Mark's optimism in his perspective of today's kids, for his insights are grounded in God's view of them." - Chap Clark, Ph.D., associate professor of youth, family, and culture, Fuller Theological Seminary "Mark Yaconelli was experimenting with contemplative youth ministry practices before contemplative youth ministry practices became cool. This book has about it the unique air of authenticity. He shares with us in these pages his own journey as a youth worker who actually believes that God's still small voice

speaks louder than the roaring windstorm of our busy youth ministry calendars. It's a book about creating for our students places of silence and opening up spaces for God to speak." - Duffy Robbins, professor of youth ministry, Eastern University; author of *Enjoy the Silence and This Way to Youth Ministry* "Mark Yaconelli has emerged as one of youth ministry's most provocative 'voices in the wilderness,' calling us back to our theological taproots: The contemplative practices that bind our lives to the life of Christ. If Mark's research has taught us anything, it's that these practices do not cause youth ministry to take flight into a spiritual never-never land; rather they anchor young people—and their churches—in the fertile soil of Christian tradition, in the nitty-gritty of daily life, and in the explosive transformation that awaits us when we wait upon God." - Kenda Creasy Dean, parent, pastor, and professor of youth, Princeton Theological Seminary; author of *Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church* Dean Borgman, a nationally known youth ministry expert, offers a new edition of his influential classic. Reaching a broadly ecumenical audience, this book challenges readers to think about the theological nature of youth ministry. Questions for discussion and reflection are included. This thoroughly updated edition was previously published as *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*. Praise for the first edition "Writing with the lens of a theologian, the heart of a pastor, and welcome doctrinal breadth, Borgman has provided a 'field book' of pastoral theologies that takes seriously the social systems shaping the lives of adolescents. This book is a significant step toward the long-awaited conversation about theology and youth ministry in postmodern culture."--Kenda Creasy Dean, Princeton Theological Seminary; author of *Almost Christian* "In this excellent work Borgman brings theological integrity, depth, and years of wisdom like nothing else I have seen in our field."--Jim Burns, author of *Teenology: The Art of Raising Great Teenagers* Today's youth ministry is tomorrow's mainstream theology Since forever altering the

course of the youth ministry world with his best-selling, groundbreaking book, Purpose-Driven® Youth Ministry, Doug Fields' mind—but especially his heart—has been focused on the many unique needs of new youth workers. Doug translated his passion, insight, and vision for his beloved “rookies” into what you’re now reading, *Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry*—hands-down the most comprehensive companion to not only surviving, but also thriving, during the most crucial phase of youth ministry. Employing his renowned wisdom and humor—as if you and Doug were chatting over a long, relaxing meal—the author disarmingly relates stories and principles from his own successes and failures over 20-plus years in youth ministry. In the end, he offers treasure troves of practical advice, all in the hope that new youth workers can travel a smoother path and achieve real longevity in a church culture that all too often chews them and spits them out. Doug covers all-important issues such as:

- Dealing with discouragement
- Establishing a solid spiritual foundation
- Building effective relationships with students
- Resolving conflict
- Ministering to parents and families
- Trailblazing change
- Working with volunteers
- Defining a realistic job description
- And many others!

In addition, a chorus of insightful sidebar voices joins your conversation with Doug, among them ministry veterans Jim Burns, Steve Gerali, Mike Yaconelli, Helen Musick, Chap Clark, Marv Penner, Rick Warren, Jana L. Sundene, Bo Boshers, Duffy Robbins, Tony Campolo, and Richard Ross, all who’ve composed extensive, topical essays for each of the dozen chapters. *Your First Two Years of Youth Ministry* is a must-have tool for new youth workers, volunteers, seminary professors and students, senior pastors, elders, church boards—even veteran youth workers who’ve been ministering in unstructured environments and are now asking, “What did I miss? What can I still learn?” The first two years of youth ministry are never easy. But never fear. Doug fervently assures us: “Hang on. Hope’s coming!” Nearly 200 ready-to-use ideas for hard-hitting Bible lessons and

relevant worship services for teenagers! - Bible Study Meetings . . . Techniques and approaches for making any Bible lesson -- topical or scriptural -- appealing to unchurched teenagers as well as to preachers' kids. - Creative Bible Lessons . . . 'Martha and Mary Malpractice' (page 67), 'Noah and the Ark I. Q. Test' (page 43), and 70 more very different, very fun, and very solid Bible lessons. - Theme Lessons . . . Build an entire lesson on a specific theme. Try 'Feet Meeting' (page 118) -- foot games followed by a lesson on the symbolic importance of washing each other's feet. You aren't into feet? Okay, what about the hands of Jesus? Or the light versus darkness? They're all here! - Bible Games . . . These won't speed your kids into seminary, but they certainly go a long way toward making the Bible interesting to your students -- and fun, too! - Worship Services . . . Some are informal, others have a liturgical feel -- and all are innovative. Here are the ideas for communion, confession, music, prayer, and Scripture reading. And More . . . Full lessons (all the components are here, from opening mixers to closing prayers), board games (with reproducible game 'boards'), and ideas for using guest speakers and special projects. Whether you're a youth worker or a recreation director at a church, school, club, or camp -- Creative Meetings, Bible Lessons, and Worship Ideas is your storehouse of proven, youth-group tested ideas. With decades of student ministry experience, Barry Shafer helps you develop a Bible study approach that will take your students to a whole new level. You'll gain confidence and competence in leading students deeper in Bible studies and you'll find a whole new appreciation for God's Word--for yourself and for your ministry. Mark DeVries offers an approach that brings teens into one-to-one relationship with older Christians; involves the whole church family from singles to seniors; and frees pastors and leaders from worrying about attendance, budget and competition with other programs. A holistic approach to reaching Generation Z in your local church To disciple the youth in our student ministries today, we have to

understand the unique characteristics of Generation Z, and apply lessons learned from recent decades of youth ministry. In this thoroughly revised second edition of *Raising the Bar: Student Ministry for a New Generation*, pastor and professor Timothy McKnight brings a wealth of new insights, resources, and guidance for reaching today's adolescents. Following an overview of the beliefs, attitudes, and practices of Generation Z, McKnight provides youth pastors and volunteers with a complete plan for discipling adolescents through the local church. This includes practical advice on topics such as:

- Engaging parents in youth ministry
- Holistically guiding students in their beliefs, behavior, and affections
- Equipping adult leaders who can serve as role models
- Working with pastors, staff, and church leaders
- Helping parents develop rites of passage for their children as they move into adulthood
- Raising expectations for adolescents to encourage them to grow toward maturity

Based on years of personal experience and practice, *Engaging Generation Z* provides everything youth ministers need to equip, grow, and encourage today's generation of young people to follow Christ, and to take their student ministry to the next level. Unwrap nine characteristics of effective youth ministry. They specifically tackle this vital question: What can churches and youth groups do to keep students from walking away from church after high school? Best practices discovered in an extensive study conducted by Luther Seminary. How often have you struggled to help your students really grasp God's love? How often have you been frustrated by their Sunday school answers when you try to draw them into the depths of God's story? You're not alone. Many students (and even youth workers brave enough to admit it) are experiencing emptiness, lack of passion, and a growing inability to hear from God. But there is hope. Just use your imagination...God created our imaginations. Why not harness them to encounter our creative God in brand new ways? Try it right now: Picture yourself in a boat with Jesus as the seas grow rough, as

the water crashes over the bow. Notice what's going on...notice your emotions at this critical moment. What is your sense of Jesus' presence in the midst of the storm?The latter is just one example of the many guided exercises within the pages of Imaginative Prayer for Youth Ministry. You'll find tools that can help you use imaginative prayer as a means of experiencing the God who is continually reaching out to us. Invite your students to open their imaginations (and their five senses) to God's spirit and allow God to move and speak directly to them through the 50 imaginative prayer exercises inside. They come complete with instructions, environment suggestions, and optional debrief questions—there's even a topical/Scripture reference index so you can find just the right exercises to suit your needs. If you want to introduce your students to the God who loves them (in a way that allows them to truly experience that love), imaginative prayer is an effective means to do so—you and your students will never be the same. HAVE IT YOUR WAY Special Order Another Coordinated Youth Program With the Works Week in and week out, leaders are looking for something to spark the imagination and the energy of their youth group. Would you like all of your youth group activities & classes to coordinate together under a single unifying theme? Would you like a set of 6 complete month-long youth programs you can customize to your preferences? Would you like more of the relevant, creative, and complete plans you enjoyed in the first volume of Combos for Youth Groups ? Combos for Youth Groups # 2 offers a second helping of programs that are stuffed with coordinated "a la carte menus", including - Off-Site Activities Class Lessons Service Projects Skit Scripts Music Games Videos Scripture Tie-Ins Illustrative Snacks Discussion Questions Handouts PowerPoint Presentations Devo Aids Theme Wall Decor Hands-On Activities Combos for Youth Groups # 2 includes complete plans, plus a CD-ROM for customizing six multi-faceted 1-month youth group themes. Choose your favorite themes and campaign elements within the Combos

"menus", offering them in any order, at any time during the calendar year. Leaders can use these ingredients to create a soul-satisfying "combo" just right for their youth group! Six 1-Month Themes in Combos # 2 Who Do You Say Picture This! God Loves Good Sex Road Trip Beyond Belief Rescue 911 Each theme can be used for a month of weekly youth group programs--so complete, just add a leader! Includes CD-ROM Allows youth workers flexibility when modifying the themes to meet their group's specific needs. CD-ROM REQUIREMENTS PC/Windows ♦ Pentium ♦ II 300 MHz or faster processor Microsoft ♦ Windows 98 or later 64 MB RAM 4X CD-ROM drive Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher recommended QuickTime ♦ 5.0 or higher External speakers recommended Macintosh ♦ Power PC 300 MHz or faster processor Mac OS 9.0 or later 64 MB RAM 4X CD-ROM drive Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher recommended for OS9 Safari or Internet Explorer recommended for OS X QuickTime ♦ 5.0 or higher Your teenagers may think they've already heard all the Bible has to offer...but they're in for a fun surprise! Believe-It-or-Not Bible Studies highlights 13 wild--but true--Bible stories that pack powerful points. Now your teenagers can experience important Bible lessons while proving once and for all that the Bible is anything but boring. With attention-grabbing, true Bible stories; outrageous, memorable activities and intense scriptural truths, your teens will learn the Bible like they never have before...and love every minute of it! Guaranteed to provoke discussion in any group, these easy-to-prepare studies fit well into any schedule with enough material for 30-, 45- and 60-minute lessons. Teach your youth to expect the unexpected from the most important book they'll ever read and you'll fuel their interest for a lifetime! As profound, as relevant, as funny as you are . . . teenagers still listen to each other more than to an adult youth worker. You may grimace, but you can't deny it--students talking to each other usually means more to them than adults talking to them. The Student Leadership Training Manual helps you equip your senior highers for leading their



peers and taking charge of as much of the ministry as they want or are able--helping and evangelizing their peers . . . organizing ministry teams . . . planning and executing their own youth ministry programming. Here are 31 training sessions for discipling student leaders in a small-group setting--sessions that start in the Bible and reach deep into teenagers' experience . . . ready for you to implement a clear and effective program that trains your students for higher levels of leadership, regardless of where they are now. Plus 24 pages just for you, a veritable primer on how to cultivate student leadership: The role of adults Authority vs. responsibility Setting student leaders up for success Teaching students not just the whats, but the whys and hows Helping them discover their spiritual giftedness Perfect for youth workers, CE directors, associate pastors, and small-group leaders--anyone who works with a youth group's core kids. Your search for lively illustrations to spice up your youth talks is over. Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks is here! Veteran youth worker and nationally known speaker Wayne Rice has carefully selected and crafted 100 of the best stories, parables, and anecdotes available anywhere. Rice has collected these illustrations from his own files and from files of some of youth ministry's best speakers -- Mike Yaconelli -- Tony Campolo -- Dewey Bertolini -- Chap Clark -- Les Christie -- Ray Johnston -- Len Kageler -- Rick Bundschuh --- and many more! These stories (all indexed by topic) cover a lot of youth ministry ground -- some will make you laugh, some will make you cry, and all of them will make you think. And they all work with teenagers. They're just the thing to give your youth talks that extra spark you're looking for. You'll love what Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks will do for your youth talks. And your kids will love you for it! What is youth ministry actually for? And does it have a future? Andrew Root, a leading scholar in youth ministry and practical theology, went on a one-year journey to answer these questions. In this book, Root weaves together an innovative first-person fictional narrative to diagnose the

challenges facing the church today and to offer a new vision for youth ministry in the 21st century. Informed by interviews that Root conducted with parents, this book explores how parents' perspectives of what constitutes a good life are affecting youth ministry. In today's culture, youth ministry can't compete with sports, test prep, and the myriad other activities in which young people participate. Through a unique parable-style story, Root offers a new way to think about the purpose of youth ministry: not happiness, but joy. Joy is a sense of experiencing the good. For youth ministry to be about joy, it must move beyond the youth group model and rework the assumptions of how identity and happiness are imagined by parents in American society. Learn how to develop an effective youth ministry with only a few teenagers. And discover how to choose which activities will best help you meet your mission. BONUS: You get 28 ready-to-use activities for small groups! Think about sin and the cross—the way that salvation changes who we are and how God sees us. It's a central part of our faith, and yet it's one of the most confusing and difficult things to teach. Especially to a room full of teenagers. In *Taking the Cross to Youth Ministry*, Andrew Root invites you along on a journey with Nadia—a fictional youth worker who is wrestling with how to present the cross to her own students in a meaningful way. Using Nadia's narrative, along with his own insights, Root helps you reimagine how the cross, sin, and salvation can be taught to students in a way that leads them to embrace a lifestyle that chases after Jesus, rather than creating teenagers who just try to "be good." Publisher's description: *Presence-Centered Youth Ministry* shows how classic disciplines, symbols and practices that have sustained the church over the centuries can shape the worldviews, virtues and habits of young people today. Come explore the deeper terrain of an ancient faith; your students are sure to follow. This volume provides all who minister to young people with an effective blueprint for building a truly meaningful ministry. Break the ice and warm

up your group -- at meetings, parties, studies, or any other youth group event -- with one of these 230 crowd breakers and mixers! - Mixers . . . Make it fun for kids to get acquainted! Lots of creative ways for a group of strangers or classmates to circulate and learn a lot about each other in a little time. - Meeting-Opening Contests . . . All you need usually are two or three brave souls to jump feet first into a crazy competition while the group watches -- like Greasepuff (page 55) or Foot Signing (page 112). - Musical Crowd Breakers . . . Okay, so when your group sings, they remind you of water buffaloes with strep throat. At least they'll enjoy these engaging musical openers. All you usually need is a tape deck or CD player. Quizzes & Word Games . . . At last -- quizzes with absolutely no academic consequences, but loaded with crowd-breaking potential (and lots of laughs, too). If you're a youth worker or recreation director in a church, school, club, or camp -- Crowd Breakers & Mixers is your storehouse of proven, youth-group tested ideas. One of the big problems in youth ministry is the constant turnover of youth ministers. Mark DeVries addresses the problem with a systematic answer: churches need to take corporate responsibility for establishing a vision and structure for effective ministry, rather than leaving it all up to the youth minister. Especially helpful for senior pastors and church leaders. A first-of-its-kind study of Protestant youth ministers reveals the hopes, frustrations, and effectiveness of today's youth workers. Of the 7,000 youth workers assembled in 1996 under Atlanta's Georgia Dome, a sample of 2,130 full-time youth ministers from dozens of Protestant denominations and parachurch organizations answered a battery of exhaustive, deliberate questions covering: What they liked best about youth ministry What particularly pleased them in their work with youth What they found most encouraging or discouraging Their biggest obstacle to an effective youth ministry Their biggest concern in youth ministry Their answers revealed a dedicated group of professionals, concerned about the students in their ministries, but troubled

with a variety of perplexing issues. And their answers form the backbone of *Youth Ministry That Transforms*, a comprehensive analysis of this groundbreaking study (funded by the Lilly Endowment) focusing on the hopes, frustrations, and effectiveness of today's youth workers. Spearheaded by Merton Strommen—one of America's most exemplary and influential thinkers and authors in youth and family ministry—the research-writing team is joined by Karen E. Jones and Dave Rahn of Huntington (Indiana) College's Link Institute for Faithful and Effective Youth Ministry, and acknowledged leader in the task of undergirding youth ministry with a research base. These three deliver thorough analysis and sound interpretation regarding the state of youth ministry at the dawn of the 21st century. *Youth Ministry That Transforms* belongs on the desks and in the classrooms of all who are concerned with this developing profession, including denominational and parachurch leadership, professors, youth ministry students, and thoughtful youth workers themselves. It is also an insightful resource for any who want to understand youth ministers and their profession: senior pastors, executive pastors, and other individuals and committees charged with hiring and supervising youth workers. While most youth pastors are being regularly evaluated (or even scrutinized) for what they're doing right now in the youth group, the reality is that the most important thing they are doing won't actually be evident until much later. That's because the biggest challenge for any youth ministry is helping teens embrace a whole-hearted devotion to God that lasts far beyond their years in the youth room. Unfortunately, much of youth ministry seems to be designed on the model of setting teenagers up for a "date" with God—a delightful evening that involves music, laughter, food, and light conversation. But what scripture calls us to is not a "one-night stand" with God, but a lifelong love of God that endures. Youth ministry educator and veteran, Duffy Robbins, offers youth workers a blueprint for building that kind of faith in teenagers. In this

concise book, ideal for busy youth workers, they'll be equipped to build a youth ministry that instills that lasting faith in its students. A Youth group is not only about your teenager. Youth ministry, done well, includes and impacts the entire family. Practical Wisdom for Parents is not a book about how to make your teens sit down and have a family devotional. Instead, this book will help you and your teen thrive and flourish during these important years. David and Walter give numerous practical suggestions on how you can work alongside and support those leading your youth ministry, including a variety of ways you can support and be involved in your teen's youth ministry experience. Many of their ideas are "behind the scenes" that don't require you to teach a class or lead a devotional. However, your partnership role with your youth ministry leadership will be clearly articulated throughout. This book explores models for youth ministry from the life and ministry of Christ. This area of study has become fossilised because youth workers rely too heavily on the notion of 'incarnational' or 'relational' youth ministry. This leads them to believe that they must spend huge amounts of time with young people in order to 'earn the right' to share the gospel with them. The author argues that this foundation for youth ministry is inadequate and impractical and that it is not how Jesus himself operated. He proposes a broader Christology as a foundation for youth ministry today. Each chapter includes study questions for individuals or groups. "The strong and spicy heat of the gospel is the secret to effective and exciting ministry just look at the early church! Gospel advancement was at the heart of the early believers? discipleship, and the book of Acts gives us a vibrant picture of God's plan to use us to build His kingdom. In Gospelize Your Youth Ministry, Greg unpacks the model found in the book of Acts, unveiling the seven key ingredients present within the early Church. Today, youth leaders can blend these same basic ingredients together in their own unique, customized recipe to create a gospelized youth ministry that results in dynamic kingdom

growth. For youth leaders and adults with a heart for youth ministry who are looking to spice up their ministry and (re)discover the joy, excitement and transformation they've been longing to see and that Jesus promised! The gospel is the perfect kick! " If you long to reach kids and see their lives changed by God, this comprehensive guide shows you how. Purpose Driven Youth Ministry will do for youth ministry what Rick Warren's Gold Medallion award-winning, The Purpose Driven Church is doing for pastoral ministry. It's an indispensable guide to creating and maintaining youth ministry for the long run. It will help you create a solid spiritual team that builds the foundations of the Christian faith into the hearts and lives of young people. Forged around the fundamental purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship, Purpose Driven Youth Ministry uses the experiences of Saddleback Church to illustrate what a healthy Youth ministry can be. Nine transferable principles help you - Connect with the power of God for passionate, committed leadership - Define the purpose of your ministry and communicate it effectively - Identify your potential audience - Create programs that reach your audience and fulfill God's purposes - Implement processes that move students to maturity - Enhance your ministry with clearly defined values - Team up with parents to involve the whole family - Find volunteers and develop them into participating leaders - Persevere through tough times and thrive in an ever-changing environment. Balancing both theory and practice, Purpose Driven Youth Ministry can be applied to any church setting, regardless of size, denomination, facilities, resources, and existing leadership. Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry will help you develop a ministry that equips students rather than a ministry that coordinates events. Doug Fields says, 'My goal for this book is to coach you through a plan to build a healthy youth ministry that isn't dependent on one great youth leader and won't be destroyed when the youth worker leaves the church. It's not a book on how to grow your youth ministry with

six easy steps; it's about identifying, establishing, and building health into your church's youth ministry. *Alongside* is a much-needed resource for both parents and those in youth ministry. In this transformative book, Drew Hill unpacks the challenges teenagers face and how youth leaders and parents can share the gospel with them at this crucial age. Full of practical insight and biblical knowledge, *Alongside* is an invitation to love teenagers well with the hope of the gospel. Our teenage friends are full of questions and longings. They're trying to figure out who they are, where they belong, and if they matter during this pivotal time of development—all while facing new realities of loneliness and isolation, despite their social media followers. Teenagers want to be chased, and *Alongside* brings Scripture to life and helps parents and those in youth ministry practically connect the life of Jesus to the lives of their adolescent children and friends. Through Scripture and captivating personal stories from years of experience working in youth ministry, Hill pulls back the curtain and invites readers to step into the unfiltered world of teenagers. How do we start meaningful conversations with our teenage friends? How do we build trust across the dining room table? What would it look like to prayerfully cultivate a group of leaders or parents with a shared goal of seeing Christ transform the lives of teenagers in our communities? What does Jesus have to say about caring for our middle or high school friends, and how can he use us in his plan to rescue them? *Alongside* offers practical application and biblical truths to highlight the complexities of relational youth ministry, address the needs real teenagers encounter in their daily lives, and engage their hearts rather than just their behavior. Hill explores what it looks like to not only share the love of Jesus with our teenage friends but to share our very lives with them as well. *Critique of Modern Youth Ministry* is a short defense of non-age segregated church community. Each lesson included in this *Youth Specialties* collection brings home biblical truths in creative and enjoyable

ways. In addition, each Bible study is quick and easy to prepare. 12 lessons. This collection of ideas to get your youth group talking contains over a hundred separate ideas for programs based on creative discussion -- enough to keep your youth group happy and involved for a long time! Youth ministry is an essential part of most evangelical churches. And yet, there is a surprising lack of resources written specifically for youth workers focused on viewing all aspects of youth ministry through a gospel-focused lens. Featuring contributions from a host of experienced youth workers from a wide variety of churches, this how-to manual offers guidance related to every facet of youth ministry, from planning short-term mission trips to working with parents. Theologically rooted yet eminently practical, this handbook will equip youth leaders to effectively shepherd the young people under their care—training them to live faithfully in their homes, churches, and schools. There are many philosophies and strategies that drive today's youth ministry. To most people, they are variations on a single goal: to make faithful disciples of young people. However, digging deeper into various programs, books, and concepts reveals substantive differences among approaches. Bestselling author Chap Clark is one of the leading voices in youth ministry today. In this multiview work, he brings together a diverse group of leaders to present major views on youth ministry. Chapters are written in essay/response fashion by Fernando Arzola, Greg Stier, Ron Hunter, Brian Cosby, and Chap Clark. As the contributors present their views and respond to each of the other views, they discuss their task and calling, giving readers the resources they need to develop their own approach to youth ministry. Offering a model of critical thinking and respectful dialogue, this volume provides a balanced, irenic approach to a topic with which every church wrestles. “If all I did for the next 10 years was pass along this book to hungry youth leaders, I would have a fruitful decade.” —Dave Rahn, Senior Vice President and Chief Ministry Officer for Youth For Christ “In this



book, Rick calls us to run arm-in-arm with teenagers—to the epicenter of that mystery, that person, that incarnate child, that troublemaker, that up-ender, that ultimate rescuer.” —Mark Oestreicher, Partner, The Youth Cartel

There’s a surging hunger among teenagers for Jesus. New research shows that they want a clearer understanding of what Jesus really said and did, and how faith in matters in their lives. In fact, that desire is so deep, it’s #1 on their “wish list” for what they’d like to talk about at church. But are we doing that? Even though we assume that everything we do in youth ministry is about Jesus, the evidence is clear: That’s not what our students say they’re experiencing. So what would a youth ministry look like if it shifted toward a passionate, persistent, and permeating focus on drawing students into a closer orbit around Jesus? Inside the pages of *Jesus-Centered Youth Ministry*, you’ll discover the foundation for a ministry that is Jesus-centered, along with the bricks for building it. You’ll discover that not only is it possible to create this kind of ministry, it’s also essential that you pursue this path. Eight years after his book was first published, introducing the language and structure of a new way of doing youth ministry, author and longtime *Group Magazine* editor Rick Lawrence has completely rewritten and revised *Jesus-Centered Youth Ministry*. It’s packed with new insight, new research, and dozens of field-tested ideas for planting and nurturing a ministry environment that is Jesus-magnetic. Help satisfy teenagers’ hunger for Jesus in richly nourishing and sustaining ways by shifting the orbit of your ministry. *Your Onramp to Launching an Extraordinary Youth Ministry* This comprehensive and practical resource about relational youth ministry is designed to help youth leaders build active, healthy youth groups that lead students to commitment to Christ through genuine relationships with their peers and youth workers. Theoretical enough to be used as a youth ministry text, yet practical enough for lay leaders to use effectively. Includes information on relational ministry, understanding youth culture, developing student

leadership, building youth staff, discipling for lasting commitment, stimulating individual faith, effective counseling, promoting a sense of mission and evangelism, creative teaching of God's Word, interrelating with parents and the whole church, fundraising, emphasizing authentic worship and so much more! This book provides ideas for building the faith of Christian youth so that that they will experience Gods presence, identify God, and take up their baptismal vocations. (Ministry & Pastoral Resources) Contains creative ideas for teaching the Bible to young people by linking the locations or destinations of field trips to certain Biblical passages.

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