

Starting a Youth Group from Scratch.

or

“How to get teenagers interested in Jesus”

Passion

- All effective Christian youth work is church *based*.
- Pray for the church
- Encourage the church to pray
- Take purposeful time away
- Find 2 people to invest in
YOU!!

The Power of God

- You can't model something you don't have!!
- Submit your abilities to God
- God loves people more than programs
- Don't try to do God out of a job

Where is God's power evident in your ministry?

Vision

- Vision comes from God, not man.
- Vision tells us where we are going.
- Vision casting is vital for healthy ministry
- Vision can be exclusive – just because it isn't shared by everyone doesn't make it wrong.
- Vision inspires
- Vision attracts leaders and young people to a cause.

Purpose Oriented Youth Ministry

Based on the book
“Purpose Driven Youth Ministry”
by Doug Fields

Purpose

- The Great Commandment:

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments”
(Matt. 22:37-40).

- The Great Commission:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” *(Matt. 28:19-20).*

Purpose

1. **Worship:** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart”
2. **Ministry:** “Love your neighbour as yourself”
3. **Evangelism:** “Go and make disciples”
4. **Fellowship:** “Baptising them”
5. **Discipleship:** “Teaching them to obey”

Purpose

- Realise that no single program/ activity will be effective in meeting all of these 5 needs in young people.
- Create a statement of purpose – Why does your youth ministry exist?

Our Youth Ministry exists to empower young people to REACH out to their friends; to CONNECT them with other Christians; to enable them to GROW in their faith; discover and use their gifts to SERVE others and WORSHIP God through their everyday life.

- Publicise your purpose statement – people (inc. leaders) are drawn to a ministry with focus.

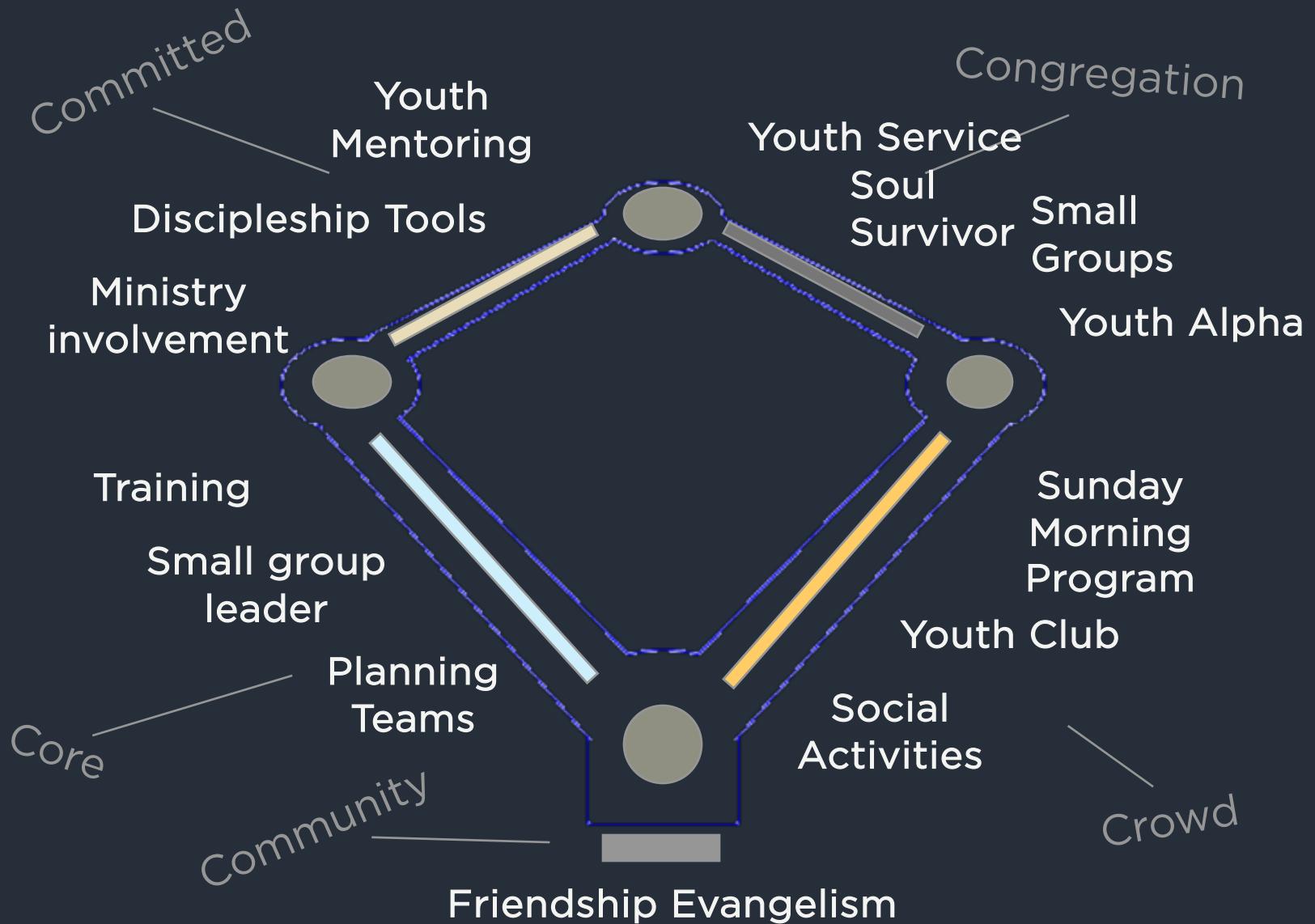
Potential Audiences



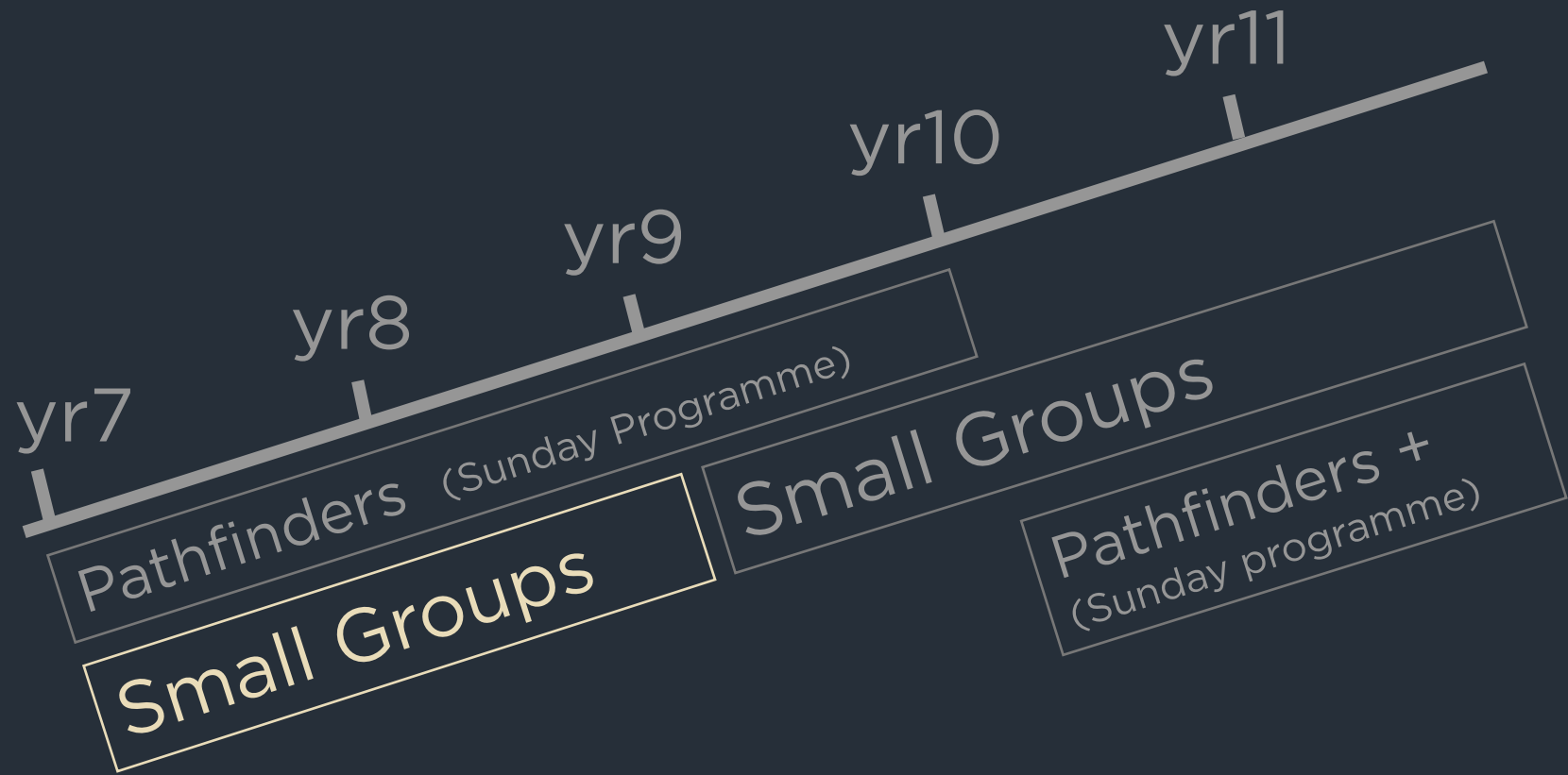
Programs

- Evaluate your current activities –
 - What is the primary purpose?
 - What audience is it aimed at?
 - Is it trying to do too much?
 - What could change to make the activity more effective?
- Pray!!
- Talk to your youth ministry team about possible changes/ new initiatives.

Process



Programs



Outside-In Approach

- Accessible programme
 - Youth Café (inclusive)
 - Local Events
- Promotion
 - In Schools
 - Local Neighbourhood
 - Social Media

A person wearing a dark, heavy jacket is seen from behind, looking out over a body of water. The image is split vertically down the middle. The left side is in grayscale, while the right side is in a warm, golden-brown color. The text 'OUTSIDE IN' is overlaid in large white letters across the center.

OUTSIDE IN

COMMUNITY



DRENCH HYOU THCAF E

FROM THE GROUND UP

What is Drench?

- Preferred alternative
- 4 Drench Cafes across the City
- Every young person in Coventry to be within 2 miles from a Cafe
- Relationship - Trust - Connect



DRENCH YOUR THIRST E

FROM THE GROUND UP

What does Drench offer to
Young People?

- 3rd space
- Fun, friendly, free & safe
- Run by Church volunteers
- Skills bank
- Service to Young People and neighbourhood
- Relationship



SCHOOLS

FROM THE GROUND UP

Connecting with your local school(s)

- Making the connection - What is in your hand? (Kids aren't just going to show up).
- Build relationship through school work
- Connect students/teachers to church & events by getting them involved
- Do it for free

A person with long hair and glasses, wearing a dark jacket, is shown in profile looking out over a body of water. The image is split vertically down the middle. The left half is in black and white, while the right half is in a warm, golden-brown color. The person's face and hair are visible in the center, straddling the vertical line.

INSIDE OUT

NEXT GENERATION

Audacious, relevant & inspiring leadership

EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORLD CHANGERS.





RELATIONSHIP

FROM THE GROUND UP

“Let's face it, friends make life a lot more fun.” - Brian Houston

- Belong before believe
- Get out the House!
- Visit other events & churches who are further on than you
- Trust takes time



RELATIVE

FROM THE GROUND UP

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

- Speak their language
- Be ready for change
- Be AUDACIOUS
- No mask, no gasps



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FROM THE GROUND UP

"The Lord is with you Mighty
Warrior" Judges 6:12

- See what they don't
- Call out their gifting
- Delegate responsibility
- Regular hangouts
- Family feel

Planned Values

- Authenticity
- Relevance
- Professionalism
- Celebration

Parents

- Parents can be our closest allies or our worst enemies.
 - In a church based context, it is ultimately the parent who will decide & influence which activities their child will attend.
- Keep them informed:
 - Newsletters
 - A “parent’s guide to youth ministry”?
 - Parental consent forms

The BIG Question...

- *Do you love the young people in your ministry because you want them to become Christians?*
- *...Or do you want the young people in your ministry to become Christians because you love them?*
- God calls you in your ministry, not for what you can do for Him, but what He can do IN you.

