

# Christ-Centred Approach to Youth Ministry

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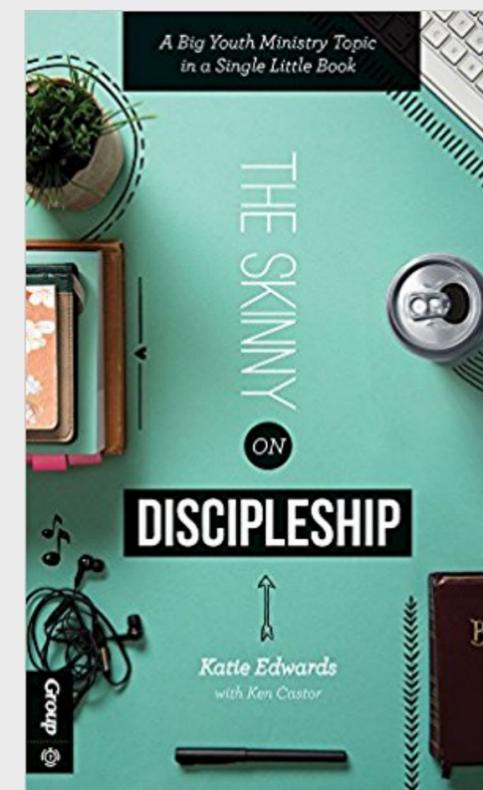
This workshop will explore practical ways to implement a Christ-Centred approach to youth ministry.

# Resources

- DYM (Download Youth Ministry)



- *The Skinny on Discipleship*  
By Kate Edwards and Ken Castor



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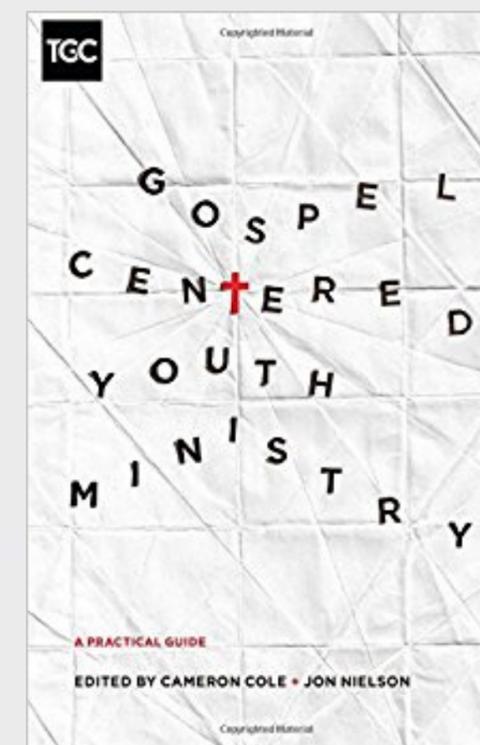
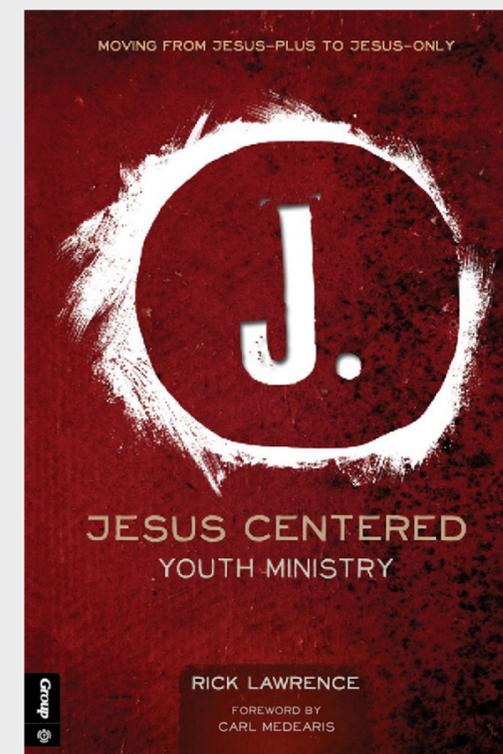
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# Resources

- *Jesus Centered Youth Ministry*  
By Rick Lawrence
- *Gospel Centered Youth Ministry*  
Edited by Cameron Cole and Jon Nielson



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# *Different Approaches to Youth Ministry*



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# Approach #1 Entertainment-Centred

- Focused on extravagant programming; majority of one's time is spent organizing and advertising events
- Numbers are one of the top priorities
- Concerned that if the ministry is not entertaining, youth will not stay



# Approach #2

## Conversion-Centred

- Programming aims to convert unsaved youth
- Highly concerned with numbers: how many came, how many were saved?
- Strongly evangelistic but not as concerned with long-term growth



# Approach # 3 Christ-Centred

- Less concerned about just conversion, and more focused on everyone growing closer to Christ
- Holds teaching, relationships, and community highly
- Concerned that if Christ is not authentically taught, youth will leave the church



# *Practical Ideas for Christ-Centred Youth Ministry*



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## Personal

- Keep your relationship with God first, family second, and ministry third
- Be a part of a youth pastor ministerial
- Be patient and stay as long as you are called



## Relational

- Go out for coffee with your youth and leaders and talk about what it means to follow Christ in every day life
- Attend sporting events and be a part of the youths' lives
- Disciple and train your leaders to then disciple and train the youth



# Teaching

- Teach the Gospel in all seasons, in every message
- Encourage critical thinking; help the youth make the faith their own
- Teach in normal life. Use down time to ask deep questions and ask how it is applicable to everyday life
- Emphasize transformation



## Serving

- Incorporate youth into the life of the church
- Have them serve in youth and in church, doing jobs that use their gifts
- Be a part of mission, both local and global, modeling Jesus' heart for those in need



# Community

- Have small groups where the youth can encourage one another and pray for one another
- Allow for doubt and encourage deep questions
- Have fun together and make memories
- Have intergenerational ministries at your church

# Q&A



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