

Use this activity and discussion to alert youths to the effect today's activities and preparations have on their futures, and to how helpful the church can be in preparing them for the future.

First, divide the youths into small groups of three to four. Give each group three large sheets of paper and some markers. Then read the questions below one at a time, letting the kids suggest and discuss answers. Each group records its ideas on the large paper, then reports back to the entire group. Have a separate reporting time for each question.

### Questions:

1. List some characteristics of the world as you think it will be in ten years.
2. List some characteristics of the kind of

person who will best be able to deal with the world as it will exist ten years from now.

3. List five goals the church should adopt in order to prepare youths for living in the world of the future.

After all their answers have been presented and discussed, ask the kids what they are doing now to prepare themselves spiritually for the future. In responding to this last question, many will realize that the church is already attempting to prepare young people for the future, but they aren't taking advantage of all the opportunities offered. Youth workers may also discover some needs of their kids that are presently being overlooked.

