

mission test

Is your youth ministry mission statement memorable and motivating... or just a set of awkward words people aren't sure they understand? Here are six diagnostic tools:

1. Is it scriptural? Good mission statements indicate how a group is accomplishing God's objectives as outlined in the Bible.

2. Does it inspire us? Words are powerful motivators. If you don't sense agreement and awe when discussing the mission statement, start over.

3. Is it distinct to our specific niche? Don't settle for a copycat mission statement. Make sure it reflects your church, your group, and your group's situation and destination.

4. Does it push us beyond maintenance? Inherent in a God-given mission is the idea of transformation and change. Otherwise it would simply be a job description.

5. Does it encourage others to become catalysts—or consumers? Make sure your mission statement reflects more than "services rendered." We're called to help others become servant-leaders.

6. Does it provide hope for the future? A mission statement captivates not only by presenting challenges but also by promising meaningful results.