

SPIRITUALITY OF THE YOUTH MINISTER

A Spirituality of the HEART characterized by

PASSION FOR THE PEOPLE

GENEROUS HEART

COMMITMENT TO THE REIGN OF GOD

Group Dynamics:

- a. try to be open to what others have to say and to really listen
- b. accept the realization that there will be many differences of opinion and thought within the group;
- c. do not tolerate any put downs within the group;
- d. listen in such a way that you try to understand the real message;
- e. question in such a way that you try to clarify what is said and not correct what is said;
- f. do not judge the rightness or wrongness of what is being said;
- g. try to be open to the realization that you are able to change and to grow from what is being shared.

1. Describe a time in your life when you really felt accepted by a group.
2. How did that make you feel?
3. Why is it that most teenagers don't feel accepted by adults?
4. Why is it so hard to really listen to others?
5. why do people appreciate it so much when we listen to them?

1. The reason I am a person of faith is....
2. The way I was lead into my faith as a teenager was....
3. The way I feel that we can best reach out to our teenagers and give them a healthy sense of our faith is....
4. The ways I grow best in my faith are....

Icebreaker: take out something from your wallet, pockets, or pocketbook that best describes you and share that with the entire group.

Growth in Faith:

1. Affiliative Faith: the teenager belongs but does not have a strong identification.
2. evangelization: has three aspects---
 - a. hospitality: involves building relationships and creating community;
 - b. storytelling: involves sharing personal stories and faith stories;
 - c. encountering: involves developing a personal relationship with God.
3. Searching Faith: is centered in community; involves exploring the faith tradition; the teenager begins to get involved in service and justice issues.
4. Developing an integrated spirituality: the teenager seeks out opportunities for prayer and discernment.
5. Mature Faith: the teenager becomes actively involved in the faith community and seeks opportunities for further growth.

Icebreaker: if there was a fire in your home, besides your family, what two things would you want to save?

Resources:

- a. do not force a resource on the group;
 - b. resources that are used should help the teenagers to share their experiences
 - c. it is best not to use specific books with each teenager as it can then create a classroom type atmosphere;
 - d. frequently daily events from the newspaper= can serve as a resource;
 - e. popular tv shows and music can be excellent resources;
 - f. be aware of resources in your congregation and community;
 - g. the Relig Resource Center is an excellent source of ideas and personal help in planning.
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- 1. In what sense do you see your faith and your prayer life as a resource for your Relig Group?.
 - 2. What are Some topics that you feel might come up in your Relig Group?
 - 3. What resource has helped you to grow the most in your faith life?
 - 4. What resources are available in your congregation and your community to help you in your Relig Group?