

VOLUNTEERS

WHAT VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATE ABOUT YOU

I asked a few volunteers to tell me the best thing their youth pastor does to equip or encourage them. Take notes.

■ “Talks about things that matter to me besides ministry.”—*Jeremy, Minnesota*

■ “Sends informative emails every week to let us know what’s going on. We’re always in the know about ministry.”—*Kent, Georgia*

■ “Has one-on-ones with me. He has prefaced that time by saying it’s a safe place where we’re not to be worried about being ‘pastors.’ It’s a time we can be real and open. It helps a lot.”—*Jo, Michigan*

■ “Puts in more hours in the week than me for the same pay.”—*Adam,*



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