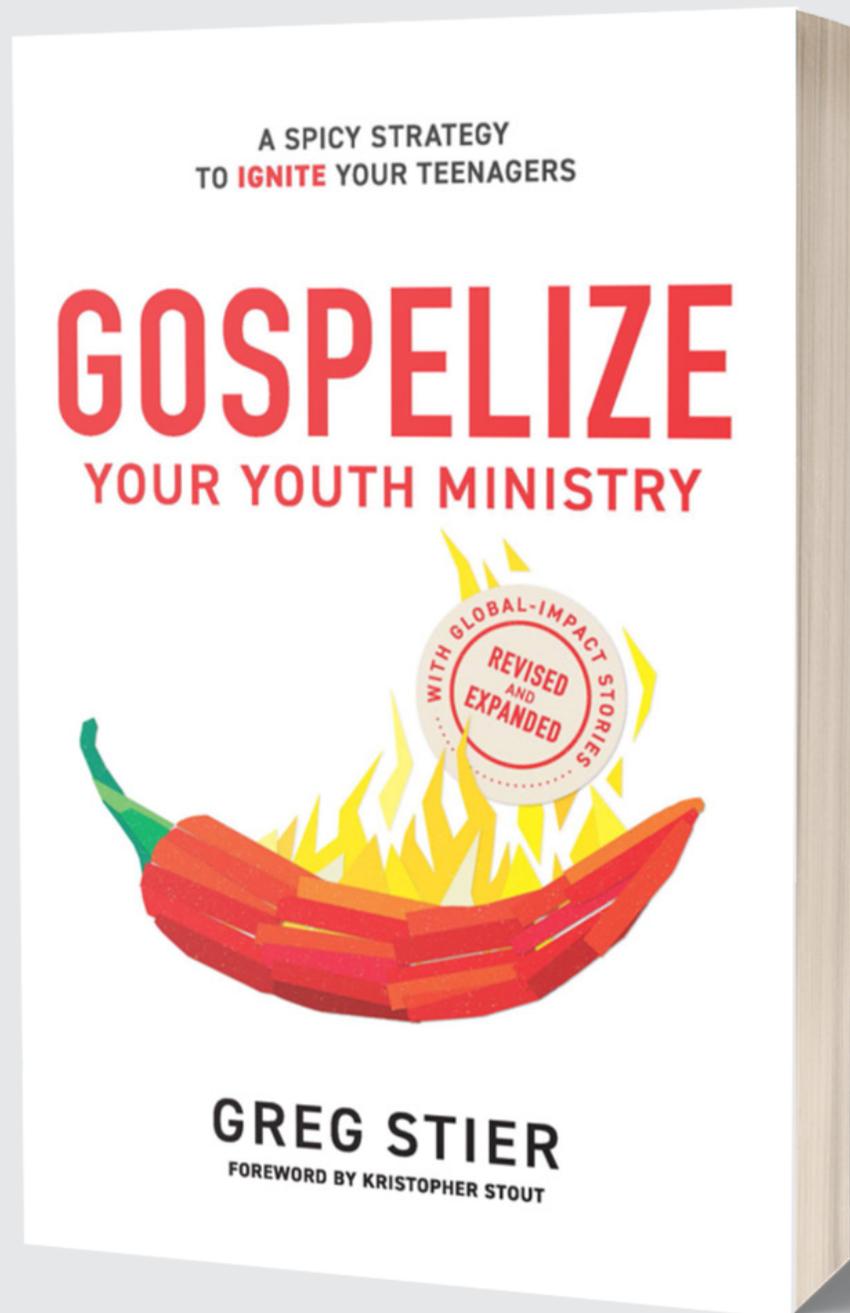


A QUICK GUIDE TO:



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Ever read the book of Acts and wonder what you're missing—why the Gospel isn't advancing through your ministry as it did through the first-century Church?

In this compelling guide, Greg Stier unpacks the secret to exciting and effective youth ministry. Using insights from the book of Acts, he unveils 7 key values present in the early Church and shows how youth leaders across the world today can blend them together—in a way that fits their own context—to create a dynamic ministry that grows the Kingdom and produces spiritual fruit in their teenagers.

IN THIS GUIDE, YOU WILL LEARN:

- What defines a “Gospelized” youth ministry and how it transforms students from the inside out.
- The 7 key values of an effective Gospel Advancing youth ministry, based on the book of Acts and the latest evangelism research.
- How to use Gospel Advancing principles to move a youth ministry from meeting-driven to mission-driven and from typical to transformational.
- How to partner with other youth leaders to reach your community with the Gospel.

“This vision and these values are not some radical new Western youth ministry fad. They're far more than that—they're biblical. These are timeless principles taken straight from the book of Acts, vital and applicable for every culture, every teenager, every youth leader on the planet.”

Kristopher Stout

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For more information, visit dare2share.org and gregstier.org.

WHY GOSPELIZE?

Throughout the ages, the baton of responsibility for preaching the simple Gospel has been passed down from one generation to the next. Now that baton is in our hands.

As followers of Christ today, we've inherited a two-millennia-old mission, plan, and deadline. Until our Savior returns to planet Earth on a cloud, we're called to join Him in accomplishing an eternity-altering quest.

The quest to make disciples. The quest to spread the Good News. The quest to Gospelize.

The word evangelism smacks of bullhorns and pointy fingers of judgment. But Gospelize sounds like transformation from the inside out, which is exactly what the world needs, what our teenagers need, what we need.

To Gospelize is to add Gospel spice to everything we do.

In more straightforward terms, to Gospelize your youth ministry is to build a context in which the Good News of Jesus is moving deeply into the souls of your teenagers and outwardly through your teenagers to others. When you make the Gospel central to everything you do, you're Gospelizing your ministry.



Gospelizing your youth group is much more than simply getting teenagers to share the Gospel with their peers. When you read through the book of Acts, you see that evangelism is front and center.

But the Gospel-sharing efforts of the early followers of Jesus sprang out of a context of believers who loved God and loved others. They emphasized prayer and were committed to God's Word. It wasn't just about making converts; rather it was about relying on prayer, caring for each other and the people around them, and advancing the Gospel by multiplying disciples.

This book-of-Acts strategy from 2,000 years ago works just as powerfully today. And not only does it work, but it transcends culture. It's not a Western way, an Eastern effort, a Southern strategy, or, well, you get the idea. Rather, it's an "anywhere" model that's effective on every continent and in every culture.

What we read in the dusty pages of Acts needs to be dusted off and done again today in our 21st-century, postmodern context. Why? Because the mission is clear, and the deadline is near. As [Acts 1:11](#) promises, Jesus *will* be coming back!

THE ~~LAST~~ LOST CHAPTER OF ACTS

The book of Acts is a wild, 28-chapter ride, complete with riots, healings, shipwrecks, arrests, supernatural prison breaks, visions, arguments—all serving to advance the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire.

And then, it just stops. Personally, I think there's a divine reason for this incomplete story. Through Luke's pen, the Holy Spirit is writing a script that's meant to feel unfinished—because it is. *We* are the continuation of the book of Acts!

So, if the book of Acts is still being written, in a sense, how do you infuse an Acts-style, dynamic, enthusiastic, Gospel Advancing spirit into your youth group? Well, that same Holy Spirit indwells the hearts of all of your believing teenagers. And those teenagers are called to proclaim the same Gospel the early disciples did. When your teenagers begin to spread this Good News, something surprising happens: They start to grow in their faith in ways you never expected.

I'm convinced from the whole of the New Testament, and from personal experience, that injecting a Gospel Advancing philosophy into a youth group will accelerate the discipleship process faster than just about anything else, because it shifts the perspective from “my needs” to “God's call.” It drives teenagers to rely on the Spirit, and it pushes them to obey God.

The evangelism approach we advocate is bold but not pushy. We encourage leaders and students to share their faith out loud, with words, but we urge them to combine it with respect, a listening ear, active love and care, and compassionate prayer.

You and your believing teenagers have the same Holy Spirit that the apostles did. Now is the time, and you are the leader! Your teenagers are waiting for someone to lead them toward a life of significance, and you are the person God has strategically placed in their lives to challenge, encourage, and equip them to get there.

GOSPELIZE IN ACTION

We mobilized our network to come together for what we called the 6,650 movement—a community cause to help all teens in our area hear the Gospel.

Mr. Bill Freund
Colorado, USA

GOSPEL ADVANCING INGREDIENTS

Every culture has food and recipes that define it. And to be genuine, each of these dishes needs the right, fresh ingredients. If even one ingredient is missing, it can completely change the taste of the dish.

What's true of the best meals worldwide is also true of the strongest Gospel Advancing ministries worldwide. There are 7 staple ingredients—which we call the 7 Values—that make a youth ministry truly effective.

The Gospel provides the spice.

As you learn to use these ingredients in your youth ministry, you can put your own twist on them, like any good chef. And then you can share your “recipe” with other youth leaders through a Gospel Advancing network.

Just so you know, I didn't develop these 7 Values. I discovered them. They've shown themselves, again and again, to be true statistically, scripturally, and strategically. Let me explain.

STATISTICALLY

Years ago, Dare 2 Share commissioned a national research project that evaluated the effectiveness of youth ministries evangelistically. About 10% of those surveyed had a new-conversion-growth rate of 25% or more per year. In other words, their group grew by 25% due to non-Christian teenagers putting their faith in Jesus and getting plugged into the youth group. As we analyzed the research, it became clear that the highest-performing youth ministries embodied these 7 Values.

SCRIPTURALLY

After identifying these 7 Values in our survey results, I cross-checked them biblically, especially with the Gospels and the book of Acts. I was greatly encouraged by the number of passages that affirmed these same 7 Values. This guide highlights many of those passages, as we examine the values and show how to put them into practice.

STRATEGICALLY

I've spent 35-plus years in ministry as a youth leader, church planter, and para-church youth ministry leader. Across those years and roles, as my understanding has grown, I've labored to strategically inject a Gospel Advancing philosophy into every position I've had. In my role as the visionary and voice of Dare 2 Share, I've engaged with thousands of youth leaders across the nation and around the world. And here's my practical, front-lines observation: I've tasted these 7 ingredients in every ministry dish worth biting into.

These 7 Values are the 7 basic ingredients needed to build a Gospel Advancing ministry.

Remember, the basic ingredients will always stay the same, but how you mix and match them into a spicy, new dish is up to you. As you begin to stir these values into your ministry, you and your teenagers will “*taste and see that the Lord is good*” ([Psalm 34:8](#)).

PRAY FIRST

Value #1: Intercessory prayer fuels it.

They all joined together constantly in prayer... [Acts 1:14](#)

Prayer is the first thing the disciples did after Jesus ascended. They met with Him in the heavenlies through relentless prayer. This snapshot of their commitment to pray constantly should demonstrate to us that we too need to join together and pray fervently and consistently—not just for our own needs but also for God’s Kingdom to extend to the world around us, as Jesus Himself taught the disciples to pray ([Matthew 6:10](#)).

We must pray. We must pray for each other and for the lost. We must pray for our churches and our communities. We must pray until our knees are numb and our voices are hoarse. We must pray until God answers.

This intentional and intensive brand of prayer will keep us dependent on Him, strengthen our faith muscles, and produce results that only divine intervention can explain. Isn’t this what the disciples saw modeled in Jesus’s life and ministry again and again and again?

The early church carried this same passion for prayer. [Acts 2:42](#) says that “*they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*” Prayer was central to their meetings. It wasn’t served as an appetizer or a dessert, but was part of the main course.

When we pray and teach our students to pray, we’re connecting them with the One who can transform not only their lives, but also the lives of their friends, classmates, teammates, family members, and coworkers. When prayer becomes the engine and not the caboose of our youth ministry efforts, then we’ll start getting serious traction toward building Gospel Advancing ministries.

GOSPELIZE IN ACTION

My students got permission and set up a “prayer locker,” where students could write out prayer requests, slip them through the open slots, and know someone would pray for them.

Chris Bartley
Kentucky, USA

REACH YOUR CIRCLE

Value #2: Relational evangelism drives it.

When Priscilla and Aquila heard him [Apollos], they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. [Acts 18:26b](#)

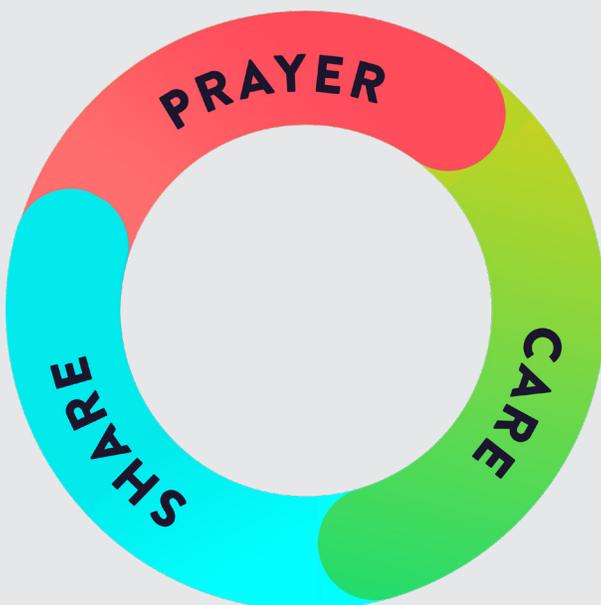
I love the way the Bible subtly provides insights into issues. This simple verse offers a snapshot into how relational evangelism was done in the early church by the “non-rock stars”—those who didn’t have the public platform of the more widely known apostles, such as Paul, Peter, and Philip.

First, they listened to him. They took time out of their busy lives to try to understand who he was and what he believed.

Second, they identified the gaps in his understanding. Whether or not Apollos was saved at this point is up for debate among some Bible scholars, but what’s not up for debate is

GOSPEL ADVANCING STRATEGY

Throughout the New Testament, we see an effective, three-part process for spreading the Gospel. At Dare 2 Share, we call it the Cause Circle, and we summarize it this way: Prayer – Care – Share.



Prayer: When your teens pray for their unreached peers, they start to notice opportunities to engage them in spiritual conversations. The Lord also begins to soften their friends’ hearts to the Gospel.

Care: The second element of this sharing strategy is care, which means showing people the love of Jesus through your actions and words.

Share: The Gospel must be shared and declared. As leaders, it’s our job to help teenagers both live out the Gospel with love and share the Gospel with words.

that he was missing some key elements of the Good News in his theology.

Third, “they invited him into their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.” It was a big deal in this culture to invite someone over to your house. It was a sign of acceptance, hospitality, and love.

In the same way, you can help your teenagers learn how to pull “a Priscilla and Aquila” with their friends. They can learn how to listen, find the critical gaps in others’ understanding of the Good News, and then lovingly explain “the way of God” to them more adequately.

As you coach your teenagers to engage their peers with the right mixture of love and boldness, it opens the door for the Gospel to transform their friends, classmates, and teammates.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Value #3: Leaders fully embrace and model it.

The Spirit of God enabled the leaders of the early church in Acts to live the life Jesus had modeled for them and preach the truth He’d shared with them over the previous three-and-a-half years.

Jesus made it clear in [Luke 6:40](#): “The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.” The disciples were bold in proclaiming the truth, because Jesus modeled boldness in proclaiming the truth.

We see this played out in [Acts 4:13](#):

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

The disciples became just like Jesus, their leader, and then they became the example for the early Christians to follow.

In the same way, your teenagers will emulate what they see in you—for better or for worse. As poet Robert Frost once said, “No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader.”¹ What’s true of

GOSPELIZE IN ACTION

My calling was not to be the one doing the ministry, but instead to equip my students to do the work of the ministry that God had prepared for them beforehand (Ephesians 2:10).

Ben Phillips
Nebraska, USA

writing is true of evangelism in the context of a youth group. If youth leaders—including adult volunteers and student leaders—don't have concern for the lost or aren't personally engaging in Gospel conversations with others, then the students very likely won't either.

But when we model prayer, spiritual growth, evangelism, and disciple multiplication to our teenagers, they're much more apt to grow in these areas. We don't have to be perfect at it, but we should be progressing toward the goal. As we do, our teenagers are much more likely to follow our lead and become more like us, as we become more like Jesus.

GO VIRAL: HOW TO MULTIPLY

Value #4: A disciple multiplication strategy guides it.

Relational evangelism is essential. But if we stop there—if we just make new converts and go on our merry way—we're missing the piece of the puzzle that can truly accelerate the advancement of the Gospel: making disciples who in turn make disciples.

The apostle Paul, partway through the book of Acts, seems to shift his primary disciple-making strategy away from sharing the Gospel with Jews in the synagogue and Gentiles in the marketplace to training believers to live and share the Gospel (see [Acts 19:8-10](#)).

The power of this approach was exponential. It centered on people going deeper in their own faith and multiplying the reach of the message, as more and more disciples shared the Gospel in their relational circles of influence. Ultimately, the Good News saturated entire regions, as Paul describes in [1 Thessalonians 1:6-8](#):

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it.



This regional saturation with the Gospel was the result not just of the efforts of a “super-apostle” but of everyday people learning to share the Good News relationally with the people around them. The Thessalonians faithfully mimicked Jesus ([1 Thessalonians 1:6](#)), modeled joyful endurance to other believers ([1 Thessalonians 1:7](#)), and multiplied

disciples who were equipped to share the Gospel with the people in their spheres of influence ([1 Thessalonians 1:8](#)).

Youth programs that see these kinds of exponential results are intentional with their discipling strategies, finding ways to move students from new believers to mature, obedient, Gospel Advancing followers of Jesus.

CONQUERING YOUR MOUNTAIN

Value #5: A bold vision focuses it.

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' [Acts 1:8](#)

I'm convinced that the boldest vision of all time started with Jesus Himself. His goal was that His followers would take the Gospel "to the ends of the earth," making and multiplying disciples in every tribe and nation ([Matthew 28:19](#)).

A bold vision starts when your group aspires to share the message of the Gospel with the teens in your area—perhaps those in the schools your students attend. The "bold" part includes aiming, as a group, to share with not just the teens who happen to come to your youth group meetings, or even just with the friends your students have the courage to invite, but with *all* the teens who live in your area, even those who would never set foot in your church building.

It's easy to get myopic about the four walls of your youth room and forget how big the community and world you live in actually is. But Jesus calls us to have a bold enough vision to make an impact far beyond our own buildings.

Thriving youth ministries have a bold vision to reach as many teenagers as possible. This vision drives their personal and programming efforts. The most effective of these have

three levels of vision: They reach their own community (*Jerusalem*), the broken parts of their community (*Samaria*), and the regions well beyond their community (*ends of the earth*).

GOSPELIZE IN ACTION

The bold vision for Africa is to have 54 Gospel Advancing leaders, one for every African country, mobilized and energized. Each of these Gospel Advancing leaders will mobilize and energize 1,000 youth leaders in each country to intentionally and relationally multiply, until every African youth hears the Gospel from a friend.

David Banda
Zambia, Africa

COUNTING WHAT REALLY COUNTS

Value #6: Biblical outcomes measure it.

The word “outcomes” sounds a bit formal. But God is all about outcomes. Outcomes reflect the results of our labors—the fruit we’re seeking to produce through our ministry efforts.

When Barnabas visited Antioch in [Acts 11:19-24](#), he “saw what the grace of God had done.” What did he see? He saw outcomes! He witnessed firsthand the fruit of the Good News being preached and accepted.

What did that fruit look like? It was both qualitative and quantitative. In other words, it was good and there was a lot of it. In the same way, we want to see the evidence of God blessing our ministry efforts—“outcomes”—on both levels.

On a qualitative level, we want our teenagers to grow in their knowledge of and service to Jesus. As Peter reminded his readers in [2 Peter 1:5-8](#):

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God wants our teenagers to develop godly character and be effective and productive for His Kingdom. These are the qualitative outcomes He’s looking for and working toward in them and in us.

On a quantitative level, these outcomes have to do with the number of people we’re impacting with the Gospel of Jesus. As [Acts 2:47](#) reminds us: “the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Praying and caring for people lays the groundwork for them to respond positively to the Gospel message, so it can be helpful to track these activities as well.

GOSPELIZE IN ACTION

When I committed to Gospelizing my youth ministry, it changed every aspect of our programming.

Gustavo González
Puerto Rico

This particular value should prompt you to ask yourself tough, but critical, questions. Questions such as:

- What percentage of your meeting times does your group spend praying for their friends who haven’t yet trusted Christ?

- How often are your students finding ways to show care for their peers?
- How many Gospel conversations are your teenagers having with their friends every month?

You see, it's not just about numbers. It's about the *right* numbers. And the right numbers have to do with how many people are coming to Christ and growing in Christ, as a result of you mobilizing your teenagers to make disciples who make disciples.

PROGRAM YOUR PRIORITIES

Value #7: Ongoing programs reflect it.

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word.' [Acts 6:1-4](#)

The apostles could have gotten caught up in the minutiae and micromanaged every aspect of ministry, but they didn't. They delegated some ministry responsibilities, so they could take care of their top ministry priorities.

What were their top priorities? To give their attention “*to prayer and the ministry of the Word.*” As a matter of fact, if you look closely at what was actually going on in this passage, you'll see evidence that they prioritized these same 7 Gospel Advancing values we're in the process of unpacking!

Think of it like this:

Value #1: They programmed prayer.

Value #2: They programmed evangelism, because part of the “*ministry of the Word*” is evangelistic in nature.

Value #3: They had built into leaders who reflected these same values, because we see at least two of them prayerfully and passionately preaching the Gospel in later chapters—Stephen in chapter 7 of Acts and Philip in chapter 8.

Value #4: All of this was a result of the fact that “*the number of disciples was increasing.*”

Value #5: This rapid multiplication was an outgrowth of the bold vision Jesus laid out in [Acts 1:8](#).

Value #6: The number of hungry widows being fed is definitely a biblical outcome, as is the number of disciples being multiplied.

Value #7: The point of this passage is about programming your priorities, so it’s hard to miss this one!

Because the apostles committed to programming their priorities, the early church was a Gospel Advancing powerhouse. They didn’t let other priorities, or other people’s priorities, hijack the plane. Instead, they delegated other duties to qualified leaders and kept their eye on the end goal.

In the same way, programming these 7 Values into your daily schedule, weekly programs, and annual calendar will ensure they truly become ministry priorities. What dominates your schedule dominates you, so if you don’t purposefully and passionately incorporate these values into your programs and your calendar, they’ll just be words on a wall (or flyer or website).

START A GOSPELIZED NETWORK

Push back from this guide for a few minutes to identify—perhaps through school enrollment numbers and home-schooling estimates—the approximate number of teenagers in your city (or region, if you’re in a rural area). (Thank the Lord for search engines!) Write the number here:

The number of teenagers in my city (region) is _____.

Whatever that number is, it’s likely far larger than what your youth room can hold. The point of this exercise is simple: You can’t accomplish the vision alone—nor should you try.

There was a fear in the church I grew up in that if we partnered with other churches we would end up compromising our theological convictions. That attitude made us weak when it came to the doctrine of biblical unity.

That said, the fear of doctrinal drift is legitimate. Today, a trend toward “progressive” Christianity, as well as loose views of Scripture and salvation through Christ’s death on the cross, make it crucial that members of a network agree on basic, essential truths about the faith.

There are 5 foundational truths we must build our networks upon.

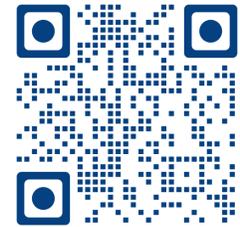
Truth #1: GOD

Truth #2: GOD’S SON

Truth #3: GOD’S SPIRIT

Truth #4: GOD’S WORD

Truth #5: THE GOSPEL



Scan for details about the **5 truths**.

So how do you go about building a Gospel Advancing network of youth leaders?

You use the same basic strategy as you do for relational evangelism: You pray, care, and share.

Pray passionately for God to raise up the right youth leaders. Intercede for the churches and youth leaders in your community, asking God to open doors for you to connect with them personally.

As God raises them up, then care for them. Get to know their ministry heart and vision, their hurts and hang-ups. Care for them in genuine, practical ways.

Finally, share the vision of every teen, everywhere (in your community), hearing the Gospel from a friend. If that resonates with them, then share with them three numbers that will help align your network around the same vision, values, and core theology.

The numbers are: 1-7-5.

1 Vision: Every teen, everywhere in our city/community, hearing the Gospel from a friend.

7 Values: Rallying around the Gospel Advancing values explained in this guide will keep you all on the same page philosophically.

5 Truths: These foundational truths (mentioned above) ensure we’re not uniting with leaders who aren’t fully in line with the historic Christian faith.

Networks that thrive have a singular vision that excites them, 7 Values that ignite them, and 5 truths that unite them!

GOSPELIZE IN ACTION

We now have a Gospel Advancing network that is growing, on a mission, supportive, and focused on helping every teen in Roswell hear the Gospel from a friend.

Nathan Smith
New Mexico, USA

THE WAY OF GRACE

Grace transforms. If we don't see that transformation initially, we should never revert to preaching the law. Instead, we must preach God's grace even more.

I love the words of Charles Spurgeon on this topic:

When I thought that God was hard, I found it easy to sin. But when I found God so kind, so good, so overflowing with compassion, I smote upon my breast to think that I could have rebelled against One who loved me so and sought my good.²

The grace of God transforms us—and our teenagers—from the inside out! We need to preach this message of God's grace again and again to our Christian teenagers so they walk in it, and to our unreached teens so they embrace it.

As my old pastor used to say: "If Satan can't attack the messenger, he'll attack the message." In other words, if Satan can't destroy you personally through things like burnout, moral failure, or a broken marriage, he'll seek to attack your message. He knows that if he can get you—or any leader in your network—preaching a lesser Gospel, it won't spread as fast, because a works-based Gospel message isn't good news at all! It's just another performance-driven message, from another performance-worshipping religion.

APOSTOLIC RESOLVE

God has given you a mission, your specific piece of advancing THE Cause of Christ in your own community. I encourage you to identify it, relentlessly pray over it, and do everything you can in the power of Christ to accomplish it. There's a generation of teenagers in your midst who are on the highway to Hell, and you and I have the message that can rescue them from it! Don't lose sight of this vital mission.

Have you ever heard the soldier's slogan "improvise, adapt, and overcome"³?

As we've explored the book of Acts together across these 13 chapters, we've seen the church constantly doing just that. Again and again, they improvised, adapted, and overcame.

These Spirit-fueled followers of Jesus started in the temple but soon dispersed to house churches. Before long, local elders eclipsed the Jerusalem apostles, as the church grew and expanded across Judea and beyond. When persecution hit the church in Jerusalem, the believers scattered and used it as an opportunity to preach the Word wherever they went.

When Gentiles flocked to the church of Antioch, the legalists from Judea arose and pushed against this message of grace. But the church adjusted again. They clarified and codified the Gospel message, corrected the legalists, and re-sent missionaries out to make sure everyone knew the true message of grace.

Paul improvised, adapted, and overcame, as well. When thrown in prison, he didn't sit idly by, waiting for a better outcome. He wrote letters, which were included in the canon. When he was forced out of the synagogue in Ephesus, he moved to the School of Tyrannus, and he adjusted his strategy from adding disciples to multiplying disciples.

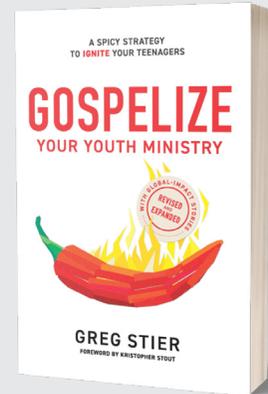
The church was launched with an Acts 2 bang, and it kept moving and adjusting and evolving, until it had saturated much of the known world with the Good News of Jesus. This unconquerable force, these blessed people, this community of love and truth, has been the rod in the hands of Christ for the last 2,000 years to batter the gates of Hell and rescue souls headed to a dark eternity.

And now it's your turn to improvise, adapt, and overcome. So take the 7 Values of a Gospel Advancing ministry that we've highlighted in this guide, and find your own best recipe for building a Gospelized youth ministry that fits your context. Make the Gospel central to everything you do, and you'll end up with a spicy dish that gets people so excited they'll want to share it with others.



PRAISE FOR *GOSPELIZE YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY*

Based on timeless truths in the book of Acts and the latest evangelism research, this dynamic book unpacks principles that can move any youth ministry from typical to transformational, from meeting-driven to mission-driven, from entertainment-based to Gospel Advancing. I pray that you and your youth ministry team take the time to read this book slowly, explore these principles thoughtfully, and apply these truths passionately. If you do, both you and your youth ministry will forever be changed.



Josh McDowell

Founder of Josh McDowell Ministry, a division of Cru

End Notes

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