

Calvary Youth Philosophy of Ministry

Purpose and Philosophy

The purpose of Calvary Youth Ministry is to disciple youth so that they prioritize God, His Word, His Kingdom and His Gospel in their lives. We believe that Jesus's command to make disciples in Matthew 28 means that we must disciple all people from all nations and all ages.

Our Jr. High and Sr. High programs will look to accomplish this by

- encouraging parents to continue discipling their children at home
- surrounding youth with godly adults (youth leaders) and encouraging the formation of godly friendships
- teaching youth what it means to live as a follower of Jesus in this present age
- praying for every single youth that walks through the doors

We believe that shared experiences such as youth events, retreats, missions' trips, and every day moments can be used to foster deeper relationships. The relationships in turn provide us more opportunities to disciple youth by teaching, modeling and praying for them.

Just to be absolutely clear, this program is not intended to replace the primary role of parents as disciplinators of their children. Rather, this program is designed to assist and be a resource for parents in their efforts to disciple (Ephesians 6:4).

Teaching and Discipleship Plan

The teaching/topic plans for Jr. High and Sr. High are presented below. In determining what would be best for each age group, lessons and topics have been chosen to best teach fundamentals of the faith: aspects that are often overlooked in other teaching ministries due to their elementary nature. The teaching should complement the Sunday morning preaching and the teaching of God's Word at home. In addition, the teaching will apply Scripture in a way that best meets their specific stage of life. The entire lesson and lesson plan is prepared with these students in mind from start to finish.

Jr. High Teaching Plan

After 2 years of Jr. High, the goal for every student is for them to

- a) have them read the entire New Testament on their own
- b) know the 12 fundamentals of the faith
- c) know and be able to define at least 10 attributes of God
- d) begin serving once per month on Sunday morning or throughout the week
- e) have shared the gospel with/or invited 3 friends to church or Jr. High

In order to accomplish these goals, each Jr. High student, assuming an attendance of 80% or greater, will have participated in a majority of 8 different teaching series for about 44-50 weeks of teaching, which includes:

- A 6 week series on God's Word
- A 6 Week Series on the Attributes of God
- A 3 Week Series on God's Kingdom/the church
- A 3 Week Series on the Gospel
- A 4 Week Series of Christianity Explored with the purpose of inviting friends to hear the gospel
- An 8 week series through the life of Jacob (what a transformed Christian life looks like)
- Another 8 week series through a book or section of the Bible
- 6 weeks on the rest of the Fundamentals of the faith

Please note that these topics have some room for flexibility depending on the stage of students' spiritual development, current events and questions asked by the students. All teaching will be communicated in advance to parents and students as soon as it is planned.

Students will also be encouraged to continue reading, praying and serving through the summer months together as a larger group (grades 7-12).

Sr. High Teaching Plan

After the final 4 years of Sr. High, the goal for every student graduating is for them to:

- a) have them read the entire Bible on their own
- b) know the 12 fundamentals of the faith
- c) know and be able to define at least 20 attributes of God
- d) begin serving at least twice per month on Sunday morning or throughout the week
- e) have shared the gospel with 6 friends
- f) be able to respond to many difficult apologetics and worldview related questions they will encounter as they enter continuing education and the workforce

In order to accomplish these goals, each Sr. High student, assuming an attendance of 80% or greater, will have participated in a majority of 11 different teaching series for about 92-100 weeks of teaching, which includes:

- Two 4 week series on God's Word
- Two 4 Week Series on the Attributes of God
- One 4 Week Series on God's Kingdom/the church
- Two 3 Week Series on the Gospel
- Two 4 Week Series of Christianity Explored with the purpose of inviting friends to hear the gospel
- Two 5 week series on apologetics
- 24 week expositional series through the gospel of Mark (broken up into 2 or 3 periods of 8 or 12 weeks)
- 10 week series on 1 John
- 5 week series on Daniel
- 10 week series on Exodus
- 4 weeks (1 per year) on what the Bible says about sex and marriage

Please note that these topics have some room for flexibility depending on the stage of students' spiritual development, current events and questions asked by the students. All teaching will be communicated in advance to parents and students as soon as it is planned.

Events

A big part of what we do at CBC youth is plan events for the youth. We believe that shared experiences such as youth events, retreats, missions' trips, and every day moments can be used to foster deeper relationships. The relationships in turn provide us more opportunities to disciple youth by teaching, modeling and praying for them. Events are also a great entry point for new students into our program.

Youth Leader Qualifications + Leader Safety Rules

Youth leaders must be a member in good standing with Calvary Baptist Church and have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check within 3 years. They must be living and demonstrating lives of godliness.

Youth Leaders at Calvary Baptist Church are required to follow our Plan To Protect policy. You can find our child protection policy by asking Pastor Jerid. If you see a leader in violation of these rules, please contact Pastor Jerid.