

YOUTH STRATEGY

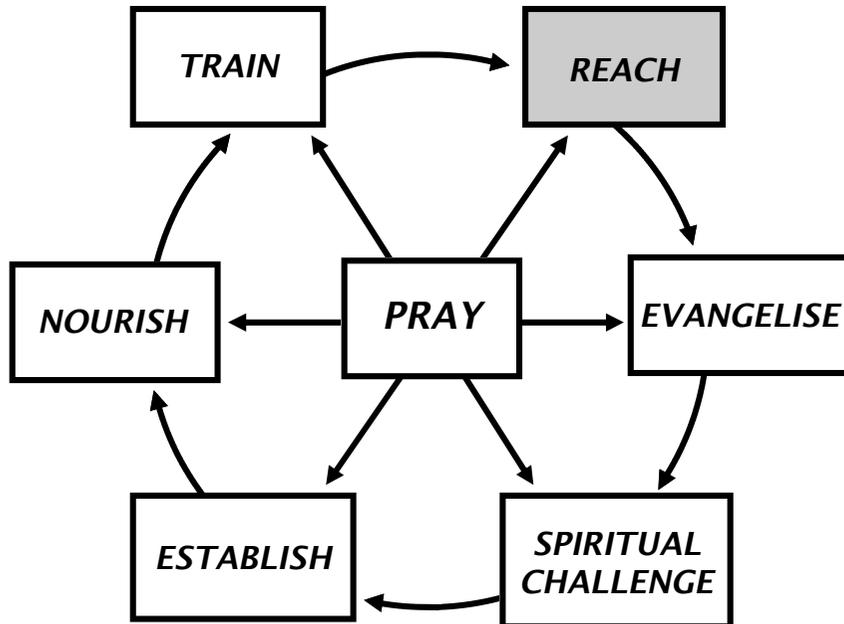
PRAY

REACH

EVANGELISE
SPIRITUALLY CHALLENGE
ESTABLISH
NOURISH
TRAIN

1 Thessalonians 2:8 "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

An important part of our strategy is to reach out to the unsaved friends around us where real care can be given and the message of Jesus Christ can be communicated. Work hard at building genuine relationships with your friends, so that there is integrity when the gospel message is shared.



REACH



*"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."
- Colossians 1:28*

REACH



Hopefully you have been praying each day for the friend you decided on at the end of the last study. Now is your chance to conduct a little bit of self-assessment to see how well you actually know them. Don't worry if you have no idea about some of the answers, hopefully it will give you some motivation to talk with your friend and find out what the answers are.

Friend's name? _____

School attended? _____

Where do they live? _____

Family members? _____

Any pets? _____

Play any sport? _____

Favourite TV show? _____

Music they listen to? _____

Last holiday destination? _____

Birthday? _____

Favourite food? _____

Interests? _____

What's The Point Of Reach?

When we talk about reach we are talking about connecting with others in such a way as to build a genuine friendship with them. Hopefully most of us have many friends. However, the reality is that few of those friendships will last over an extended period of time.

The friendships that last are typically those that go beyond personal interest. Rather, they develop an interest in the other person such that genuine care can be given. These are the friends that rejoice when things go well for you and are saddened when things go bad. These are the friendships that strengthen in times of difficulty rather than break down.

When we reach out to others, we are seeking to establish a foundation upon which a genuine friendship can grow. True friends can become like family to us. These are the people we love, these are the people we are prepared to make sacrifices for (John 15:13).

Check It Out!

1. What is common to Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; and John 20:21?

Our hope is that our friends will 'come' to youth group and ultimately to faith in Jesus and yet first we need to recognise that Jesus wants us to 'go' to them. That's certainly what Jesus did when he entered our world.

2. According to Philippians 2:5-8, what were the costs for Jesus in leaving his 'home' to live with and become like us.

Jesus calls on us to follow him (Matthew 16:24-26). We need to leave our comforts and enter the world of our unsaved friends if we are to reach them.

3. Look at how the apostle Paul undertook his ministry in 1 Corinthians 9:19-22. What was Paul's goal?

What was Paul's method?

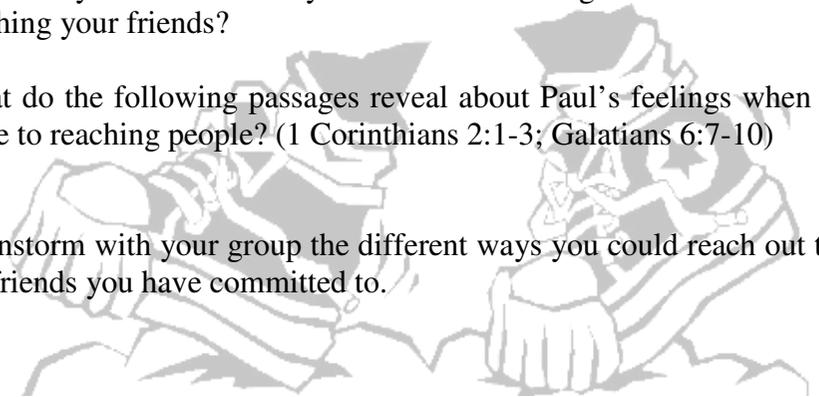
What do you think this might have entailed?

4. What does Matthew 9:35-38 reveal about Jesus' attitude to people?

5. What do you think holds you back from being more focused on reaching your friends?

6. What do the following passages reveal about Paul's feelings when it came to reaching people? (1 Corinthians 2:1-3; Galatians 6:7-10)

7. Brainstorm with your group the different ways you could reach out to the friends you have committed to.



Spend some time praying for courage to reach out to your friends in love.