



YOUTH MINISTRY MADE SIMPLE

Guide 1 - Assess your teen ministry

After watching video 1, "Assess your teen ministry", work through this guide with your team. It's most helpful if your team consists of people who are currently involved in your teen ministry, those interested in being involved in your teen ministry, and your pastor.

These guides are meant to help you initiate discussion, apply what you heard to your setting, and develop specific plans to implement any changes to your youth ministry.

What is the one word you would use to describe your youth ministry? (Give everyone a minute to write down a word.)

What are you currently doing for teen ministry?

- Bible study
 - Topics recently studied:

- Fun events
 - Things we've done:

- Service projects
 - Things we've done:

- Other:

Discuss what has been *successful* and what has been a *struggle* in your teen ministry.

- Participation from teens (attendance, engagement, consistency)

- Leaders (recruiting, training, and retaining)
- Locating good, Lutheran Bible studies
- Communication with our teens
- Others:

Using the lists created from above, discuss together:

- What are we able to control?
- What are we unable to control?

Begin to brainstorm together:

- How can we build on what has been successful?
- Of the things we can control, how can we fix what has been a struggle?

Decide which videos in the *Youth Ministry Made Simple* series would be most helpful to you and make plans to view them.

Video 2 - Preparing and teaching engaging Bible studies

Video 3 - Help your teens find joy in serving others

Video 4 - Give your teens opportunities to build Christian friendships

Video 5 - Recruiting and equipping teen ministry leaders

Video 6 - Communicate effectively with your teens

Video 7 - Involving teens in congregation ministry

Video 8 - Develop a teen mentoring program