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VALUE 6

Biblical Outcomes



Best Practices and Ideas

Measure Engagement with the Lost

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Engagement with nonbelievers is one Biblical outcome that is important to measure if you want to gauge the spiritual maturity of your teens. Creating a visual based on THE Cause Circle (Prayer, Care, Share) will help you get an idea of how well your students are engaging their friends who don't know Christ—and it will encourage them to keep up the good work!

- ◆ Create or purchase a large, top-loading shadowbox.
- ◆ Buy ping-pong balls in four different colors.
- ◆ Designate each color of ping-pong ball to represent one part of THE Cause Circle. As an example:
 - Orange for Prayer
 - Green for Care
 - Blue for Share
 - White for salvations
- ◆ Keep the ping-pong balls out in your youth room with a few Sharpie markers. Tell your students they can write the name of a friend they prayed for, cared for, or shared with on the corresponding ping-pong ball each week and drop it in the display case.
- ◆ Over time, you will create a helpful, inspiring visual in your youth room, displaying how your students have engaged spiritually with their lost friends.

“This encourages us, as well as holds us accountable to be able to be intentional with our relationships. We are starting to see some of the different colors show up for Care, Share, and some students leading friends to Jesus!”



Measure Spiritual & Numeric Growth

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It's easy to want to shy away from measuring numeric growth in favor of spiritual growth in our youth groups. Counting our attendance numbers as a sign of success can feel superficial. But if you're seeing salvations and a jump in attendance as the result of your students sharing their faith, it's important to celebrate! Measuring spiritual and numeric growth side-by-side can be insightful and helpful as you work toward making your ministry Gospel Advancing.

- ◆ Set measurable goals for the spiritual growth of your youth group. Examples of this include:
 - praying for the community a certain number of times.
 - memorizing a collective number of Bible verses.
- ◆ Set measurable goals for the numeric growth of your youth group. Examples of this include:
 - having a collective number of Gospel conversations.
 - seeing a certain number of salvations as a result of those conversations.
- ◆ Post all of these goals on a wall in your youth room. This could be as simple as updating the numbers on a whiteboard, or you could get a little more fancy and create or buy a [goal-tracking poster](#).
- ◆ Update the numbers every week by checking in with your students at the beginning of your program to see if they've shared the Gospel, prayed for the community, memorized a Bible verse, etc., during the week.
- ◆ You can have a student lead this time; encourage them to include the adult leaders!

“Every Sunday we have a student lead us through the numbers. We celebrate by having students share about their Gospel conversations and when they get the privilege to lead someone to Christ. After the clapping and cheering has stopped, they share their story with the group. It's really awesome when they get to hear our adult leaders share!”

Measure & Celebrate New Conversion Growth

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While it's important to consistently and intentionally celebrate every small step in your students' growth as disciple-makers, it may be even more important to celebrate BIG when your students bring their friends to faith in Christ! Consider creating a visual display that commemorates the moment your students' friends put their faith in Christ, to help you visualize all that God is doing in and through your ministry.

- ◆ Purchase a large magnetic board and hang it in your youth room.
- ◆ Cover the left half of your board in black butcher paper.
- ◆ Wrap an LED light rope around the right half of the board.
- ◆ To create more visual interest/symbolism, consider placing a cross in the middle of the board, overlapping the two halves.
- ◆ Purchase plain, circular magnets. If your students have a goal to see a certain number of salvations as a result of sharing their faith, buy the equivalent number of magnets.
- ◆ Place all of the magnets on the left side of the board.
- ◆ When one of your students has a story to share about bringing a friend to Christ, have them go up to the board and move a magnet to the other side.
- ◆ If a student decides to trust Christ during your program, have them come up and move their own magnet (if they are comfortable doing so). This should always come with a ton of clapping and cheering!

"This visual has helped a TON! Our students engage with the mission so much more when they can see something happening. To them, it makes God's movement visible, and once they've noticed it, they see it everywhere!"

