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Bold Vision



Best Practices and Ideas

Bold Vision Apparel

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Creating apparel for your students that displays your youth group's bold vision is a great way to get them excited and rallied around their collective cause. It's also a good conversation-starter at school and a constant reminder to be on mission.

- ◆ Determine your youth group's bold vision! Maybe it's a certain number of Gospel conversations, prayers for the lost, or people brought to Christ.
- ◆ [Find out how many middle school/ high school students are in your school district](#) to inform this number.
- ◆ Print this number on some fun giveaways for your students. Ideas include T-shirts, hoodies, hats, PopSockets, and even face masks!
- ◆ Encourage your students to wear their bold-vision apparel to school as an easy way to get a conversation going with a friend.

"By keeping the bold vision front and center in my youth group, the students are encouraged to share the Gospel with their friends each week."



Bold Vision Prayer Station

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Displaying your bold vision in your youth room helps keep your group focused on what's most important every time they walk into your youth room. You can take this visual reminder to the next level by displaying your bold vision on a coffee table and incorporating a prayer station for students to interact with. This idea works best if your bold vision is the number of students in your community that you desire to reach with the Gospel, but it could be adapted for other goals.

- ◆ Guide to building your coffee table:
 - Use a 4x8-foot sheet of plywood or particleboard for the tabletop.
 - Run 1x4-inch wood strips around the edge of the table.
 - Use 12- to 15-inch-long 2x4s or 4x4s for the legs.
 - Make or purchase (Hobby Lobby) outlines of large numbers that can be filled with beans.
 - You will need two colors of beans for the display: a dark-colored bean (like kidney beans, navy beans, or black beans) and a light/white-colored bean (white beans or pinto beans).
 - Count out one dark-colored bean for every lost student you are praying to reach.
 - Count out one white-colored bean for each student in your youth group (or represented in your network, if this is a joint goal between multiple youth groups).
 - After you've assembled your coffee table with large numbers, fill them first with your dark beans.
 - Lay out your white beans across the top of the display to demonstrate the light your students are in this dark world.
 - Use a 4x8-foot sheet of plexiglass to cover the table (but be sure it's removable for adding beans).



◆ Outline for your prayer guide:

- This display contains _____ <insert bold-vision number> beans. Each bean represents a 6th- to 12th-grade student in _____ <insert your Cause Turf> (county, schools, zip code, city, etc.).
- The dark beans represent students not involved in our youth group.
- Consider these questions as you pray over the lost students in our community:
 - How many of the students represented do you know?
 - How many of the students represented do you think are unsaved?
 - Where are these students going to after they die?
 - Has anyone ever shared the Gospel with them?
- The white beans represent students involved in our youth group.
- We are called to be a shining light in the darkness, to bring the Good News of Jesus to our neighbors and friends.
- Consider these questions as you pray over your involvement in Christ's mission to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10):
 - Can the people around you tell that you are different because of Jesus?
 - How do you influence these people?
 - Have you shared the Gospel with them?
 - Are you being a light in the darkness?
- Read Matthew 5:14-16. Consider how you reflect the truth of Jesus to those you know.
- Read Matthew 28:19. Consider your role in our mission to make disciples of all nations.

“Placing this table in our game and hangout spot in our student ministry area has given our students an easy way to remember that our ministry is about making disciples, as well as the specific role and responsibility they have to be praying for, caring for, and sharing the Gospel with their friends.”

Give It a Name!

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Summing up your bold vision in a catchy, easy-to-remember name or phrase—like #1life1friend—will help it gain traction with your group and give you common language to rally around. You might also notice that creating this simplified vision statement will help you incorporate your bold vision into every detail of your youth ministry and make decisions based on what will help you accomplish it.

- ◆ Using the bold vision you and your youth group came up with, create a simple name or statement that captures what your group is all about.
- ◆ Try to keep it short and simple enough that you could make it into a hashtag.
- ◆ Keep this simplified vision in front of your students as much as possible.
- ◆ Here are a few creative ways to do this:
 - Incorporate the vision into your youth ministry logo.
 - Create a hashtag, and use it in your ministry's social media. Encourage your students to use it in their posts too.
 - Create fun giveaways, like T-shirts, hoodies, hats, mugs, etc., that display the bold vision.
 - Host a meeting with parents and/or the adult congregation. Have your students explain their simplified bold vision to the adults and ask them to hold the student ministry accountable to achieving it.

"It's challenging us to be on mission in an intentional way. We all are holding each other accountable. Our vision is about bearing fruit (transformation & multiplication). If their friend gets saved, the student is responsible to show them by example how to be ALL IN. So they need to be ALL IN too!"

