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# Leaders Embrace & Model



Best Practices and Ideas

## Align Your Team

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Transforming your ministry into a Gospel Advancing one is possible only with teamwork and community. Aligning your leadership team around the 7 Values of a Gospel Advancing Ministry will get you all on the same page and working together toward a common goal.

- ◆ Check out Dare 2 Share's [Gospelize Your Team](#) training and/or the free [Gospelize Your Youth Ministry](#) e-book.
- ◆ Determine the meeting rhythm that works best for your leadership team. Consider meeting once a month or every other week.
- ◆ Have your team watch the video and/or read the chapter for one of the [7 Values of a Gospel Advancing Ministry](#) ahead of your meetings.
- ◆ As they do this, have them answer two questions:
  1. How are we currently implementing this value in our ministry?
  2. What are new ways we could implement this value in our ministry?
- ◆ During your meeting time, discuss your answers and come up with at least one actionable step you can take going forward.

*"This is creating ownership and alignment within my team. They are bringing new and creative ideas for how to program these priorities."*

## Take 5 for THE Cause

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Taking time regularly to share evangelism stories from the week is a great way to have your leaders model faith-sharing for your students. Being vulnerable and honest about the challenges and failures that sometimes come with evangelism will help your students recognize that sharing the Gospel is worthwhile, even if it doesn't lead to immediate fruit.

- ◆ Take five minutes every week to open up the floor for faith-sharing stories (good, bad, or ugly).
- ◆ Ask your group, *“Did anyone have an opportunity to share the Gospel with someone this week? How did it go?”*
- ◆ Ask your adult leaders to participate in this time as needed.
- ◆ Be ready to share yourself if none of your adult leaders has a story for the week.
- ◆ As this becomes a regular practice of your youth group, have your students text you during the week about their faith-sharing adventures so you can have them prepped and ready to share at your next gathering.

*“Leadership teams should have the conviction to share a faith-sharing story every week. Teens love ‘failure’ stories. When no leader had an opportunity to share the Gospel, talk about it. Talk about your fears, angst, feelings of awkwardness. It’ll probably be more memorable for most teens than your sermon!”*

## Build Relationships

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Trust and understanding must be built between your adult leaders and students in order for your leaders to model evangelism and discipleship effectively. Even with COVID-19 restrictions, you can use this creative idea to build relationships between your students and leaders.

- ◆ If your church isn't able to meet in person because of the pandemic, ask your adult leaders to host a small group of students in their home or backyard to watch Sunday morning services and/or participate in virtual youth group meetings together.
- ◆ Be sure to adhere to local COVID guidelines by limiting the number of students in each home, social distancing, etc.
- ◆ Provide pre-packaged snacks to keep it fun and lighthearted.
- ◆ Ask the adult leaders in each home to take a few minutes for faith-sharing stories and intercessory prayer before or after the main service/meeting.

*"This has allowed us to pray and discuss together in-person, and that's made a world of difference in terms of our engagement. We were able to recover the loss of modeling for our students things like staying focused, bringing your Bible, and praying out loud. It's helped us a lot."*