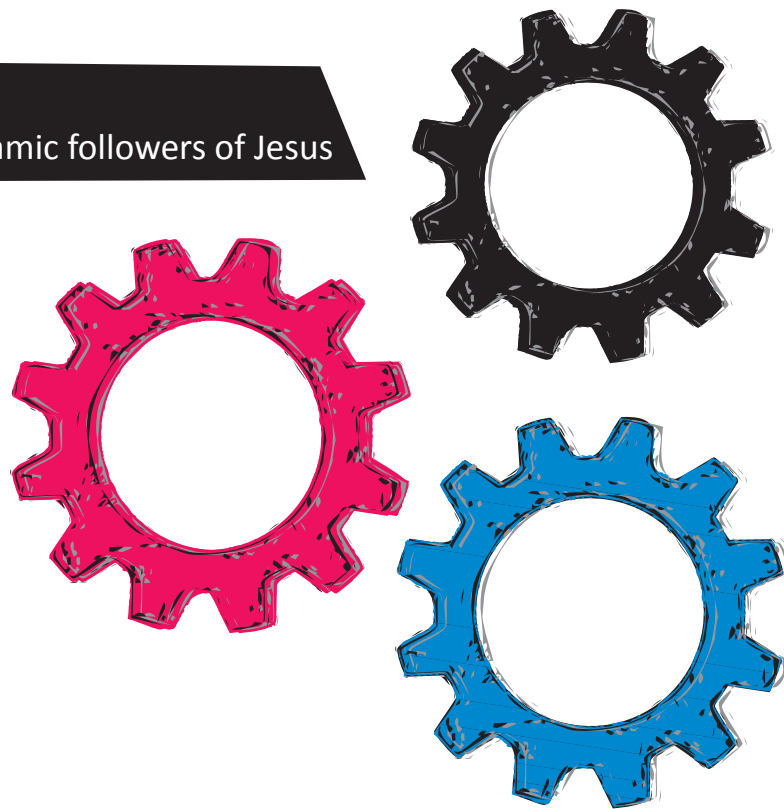


Dynamic **YOUTH WORK**

The 3 aspects of our mission statement:

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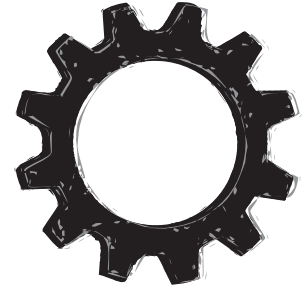


Glorify God: Winning our generation -
mission statement for dynamic youth work

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Loving Jesus: Serving Youth - mission statement for dynamic youth workers

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(1) As youth workers we love Jesus with all our hearts

Love

What moves us: Jesus loves us so much that He died for us on the cross and saved us. His love changed us completely. This is why we love Jesus with all our hearts and live for Him.

Our responsibility: As youth workers we live in a vivid relationship to Jesus. His love for us and for our youths is the engine for our thoughts and deeds in our youth work.

God talks about this in: **Mt 28:18-20; Jn 3:16; 2 Cor 5:14a.20; 2 Cor 5:17**

(2) As youth workers we are being transformed into the likeness of Jesus

Sanctification

What moves us: A relationship to Jesus Christ is a lifelong process of changing our thoughts and deeds. We know that spiritual growth is a natural result of a vivid relationship with Jesus. Since we regularly fail in this relationship, we depend on God's grace and forgiveness.

Our responsibility: As youth workers we take on the challenge to grow and be changed daily to become more like Jesus. We are being mentored, challenged and encouraged by other mature Christians.

God talks about this in: **Gal 5:22-23; Eph 4:15; 1 Tim 1:5; 1 Tim 4:8.14-16**

(3) As youth workers we serve others

Service

What moves us: God gave us gifts and abilities. He enabled us, commissioned us and sent us to love our neighbors.

What we feel responsible for: As Youth workers we know our own gifts and abilities. We develop them and use them for youth work. We meet the needs of others.

God talks about this in: **Jn 15:16; Rom 12:1-2; Eph 2:10; Col 1:10; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet 4:10**

(4) As youth workers we are a great team

Team

What moves us: As youth workers we need complement and correction. This is why good youth work is also team work.

What we feel responsible for: As youth workers we are a strong team. We invest in new staff and help them grow. We work according to our gifts. We encourage one another to stay close to Jesus.

God talks about this in: **Prov 27:17; Ecc 4:9-12; 1 Cor 12; Rom 12; Eph 4:12**

(5) As youth workers we are an example

Example

What moves us: Many youths are influenced negatively by bad examples. But they need good, positive examples to grow into spiritual and mature people.

What we feel responsible for: As youth workers we are a positive, high principled example for our youths for orientation for their own lives. In every part of our lives, we seek to live exemplary, balanced and wise in dealing with resources, options and limitations.

God talks about this in: **Phil 3:17; 1 Tim 4:12; 2 Tim 2:2; Tit 2:7; 1 Pet 5:3**

(6) As youth workers we live with the power of God

Power

What moves us: God's Holy Spirit gives us the power to do His will. Through Him we can do much more than we could do with only our human limitations. Through Him we are able to change and take advantage of situations.

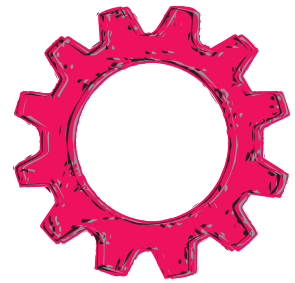
What we feel responsible for: As youth workers we are courageous to confess Jesus Christ before others. We put into practice what we recognized and are not stopped or held back by circumstances, traditions and opposition. We are ready to try new things with Jesus und take risks, so that our youths are shaped in a positive way.

God talks about this in: **Rom 8:15; Eph 3:20; 2 Tim 1:7; 1 Pet 4:11**

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Loving Jesus: Following Him - mission statement for dynamic followers of Jesus

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(1) Our youths love Jesus

Love for God

What moves us:

In our churches, many young people have not realized that the love for Jesus is the greatest commission and the greatest commandment God has given us! Love influences the whole being and is expressed through emotions and deeds.

What we feel
responsible for:

We help our youth to live their love for Jesus wholeheartedly in every aspect of their lives and based on God's Word.

God talks about this in:

Deut 6:5; Deut 10:12; Josh 22:5; Josh 23:11; Mt 22:38-39; 1 Cor 13

(2) Our youths love themselves

Self-love

What moves us:

Broken homes, difficult family backgrounds, challenges at school and work make many youths insecure and hurt them. As a result, they suffer from low self esteem and personality deficits. As Christians we may and must know that we are beloved creatures, loved unconditionally and not based on our performance. Therefore we can accept and love ourselves.

What we feel
responsible for:

We create an environment in which every young person feels loved and accepted and can discover their abilities and gifts and develop them. Our youth work is a place where we live love, impart personal value and encourage one another!

God talks about this in:

Mt 22:38-39; Jn 3:16; Rom 5:7-8; Rom 8:38-39; Eph 2:4-6; 1 Jn 3:1

(3) Our youths love their neighbors

Charity

What moves us:

Many young people lost their love for the lost. Either they live in spiritual arrogance or fearful conformity. Both are unloving. God's love for people must become the engine for authentic relationships.

What we feel
responsible for:

We don't only center on ourselves and "church youths", but look for options to reach the world around us, to serve people and live God's love.

God talks about this in:

Mt 22:39; Jn 13:34; Jn 15:17; Gal 5:22; 1 Thess 3:12; 1 Jn 3:11; 1 Jn 3:23

(4) Our youths love the church

Love for the church

What moves us:

Church is hope of the world – many young people see the church as an annoying duty or it's just mere boredom for them. Many suffer from unloving, legalistic, traditionalist and irrelevant churches.

What we feel
responsible for:

We become a church relevant and interesting for all generations. We communicate God's vision for His church – and through our own life exemplify how to love an imperfect church.

God talks about this in:

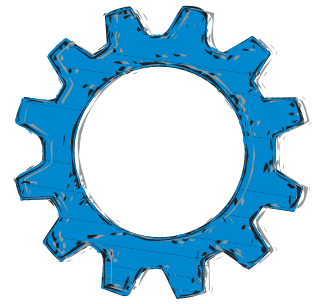
Jn 20:19-22; Acts 2:42; Eph 1:3-6; Eph 2:20-22; Eph 6:18; Phil 1:5; Col 1:3-4; 1 Thess 1:2a



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Glorifying God: Winning our Generation - mission statement for dynamic youth work

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(1) Our youth work gets youths in touch with the Good News

Evangelization

What moves us:

Church kids, our friends and local youths are lost – God wants to save young people through us.

What we feel responsible for:

We create an environment for many more youths to get to know Jesus Christ personally.

This is the plan:

relationships, regular meetings, open youth work, evangelistic projects, sports, events, church services, crazy stuff, helping others,...

This is the style:

contemporary and modern, creative, inviting

God talks about this in:

Mt 5:13-14; Mt 28:18-20; Jn 14:12; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor 9:19-20; 2 Cor 5:20

(2) Our youth work relieves distress and meets needs of people in our area

Mercy Ministry

What moves us:

Local youths have needs that are not met by others (state, family). Foreign youths are not integrated and grow up without Jesus.

What we feel responsible for:

Jesus commissioned us to be salt and light. This is valid for our private and local area. By our good deeds people will recognize and praise the Father.

This is the style:

loving, need oriented, selfless

God talks about this in:

Mt 5:13-16; Mt 25:31f; Lk 10: 29-37; Tit 2:14

(3) Our youth work shapes young people for life

Teaching

What moves us:

Youths have unfulfilled lives, because they don't know and don't do God's will and plan – through us God wants to teach young people.

What we feel responsible for:

We explain God's will to youths and support them to walk in it.

This is the plan:

small groups/cell groups, messages, youth groups, Sunday services, accountability partners, mentoring, training courses, ...

This is the style:

relevant, suited for everyday living, exciting

God talks about this in:

Mt 28:18-20; Acts 2:42; 2 Tim 2:2

(4) Our youth work is relevant church work

Church

- What moves us: Church is supposed to be a relevant and attractive community youths can identify with – God wants to reach youths through church youth work.
- What we feel responsible for: We live church relevantly and help youths to see themselves as part of the Body of Christ which consists of all generations.
- This is the plan: appealing style, relevant messages, relationships and community, baptisms, common goals, to get across church in a positive way, ...
- This is the style: culture relevant, integrating, reforming, planting
- God talks about this in: Acts 2: 38.41; Rom 6:4; 1 Cor 12; Eph 4:5

(5) Our youth work enables youths for service

Empowerment and encouragement

- What moves us: We are excited for the potential, the talents, and the gifts God has given to young people to be used for the Kingdom of God – God wants to encourage and empower people through us.
- What we feel responsible for: We help youths to discover their gifts and abilities and use them for God – young leaders are found and mentored.
- This is the plan: coaching, mentoring, projects, discovering and using gifts, personality tests, serving in church, ...
- This is the style: developing, trial and error, challenging
- God talks about this in: **Mt 9:37; Mt 22:39; Mk 10:43f; 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:11f; 2 Tim 2:2**

(6) Our youth work promotes prayer and worship

Prayer and music

- What moves us: God is worthy of musical worship and asks us to pray and intercede – God wants to be worshiped in Spirit and in Truth.
- What we feel responsible for: We make room for youths to talk to God about anything and worship Him wholeheartedly.
- This is the plan: worship, prayer meetings (nights, breakfasts, events)
- This is the style: authentic, creative, regularly
- God talks about this in: Ps 150; Acts 2:42.47; Eph 5:19; Rom 2:2; 1 Thess 5:17; 1 Tim 2:1f

(7) Our youth work is an attractive place for recreation

Youth culture

What moves us: Young people need a group of peers to have a great time as part of their youth, to enjoy friendships and be shaped positively – God wants us to enjoy life.

What we feel responsible for: We create a setting for youths to enjoy their time off and to make good use of their recreational time and meet their friends.

This is the plan: recreational activities, food, sharing, cool events, holidays

This is the style: made for youths, meaningful, socializing

God talks about this in: **Ecc 9:9; Ecc 11:7-10; 1 Cor 10:31**

(8) Our youth work is networking

Collaboration

What moves us: God wants us to be one – when youth groups don't network and just exist next to each other, they lessen their testimony and their effectiveness for Jesus.

What we feel responsible for: We seek to collaborate with other groups to promote unity and our testimony for Jesus in our area.

This is the plan: collaboration in our area, projects, alliance, area/region, youth organization, associations, ...

This is the style: local, regional, national, global

God talks about this in: **Mt 16:18; Jn 17:21; Acts 1:8**

(9) Our youth work follows a specific mission

Vision

What moves us: Our work has a specific goal and a mission tailored to us. It is geared toward growth, because we want to do great things for God – God wants to advance His Kingdom with us.

What we feel responsible for: We develop a vision for our youth work and make sure every young person knows it and lives it.

This is the plan: developing a vision, mission statement, motto, realization

This is the style: individual, challenging, expecting great things

God talks about this in: **Prov 16:3; Prov 29:8; Mt 28:18-20; Eph 4:11f; Phil 3:14; 1 Tim 2:4**