

**BETHEL CHURCH, KINGSTON
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our Vision. Our Preferred Future.

Imagining the Youth Ministry in three years' time, our vision or preferred future will be as follows:

1. We will be a church that will be excellent in loving youth:

- 1.1. We will value them individually for who they are, and where they are in their personal journey, through transformational relationships that build genuine community. This is a priority over programs.
- 1.2. We will shepherd students and demonstrate unconditional love regardless of faith, gender, race or worldview.
- 1.3. Our youth ministry will be well integrated with the overall life and community of the church.

2. We will seek to build a balanced youth ministry:

- 2.1. Balanced in developing intimate and safe community.
- 2.2. Balanced in reaching those that don't know Christ in the City of Kingston.
- 2.3. Balanced in creating large group events to celebrate what God is doing.

3. We will be team-oriented in delivering youth ministry:

- 3.1. We will nurture the appropriate spiritual gifts to create a well-rounded team.
- 3.2. We will offer first-rate leadership training.
- 3.3. We will affirm both young and old as belonging on the leadership team.
- 3.4. We will partner with parents in the process of discipling youth.

4. We will build a strong Junior and Senior High ministry:

- 4.1. We will build a dynamic Junior High ministry that is connected to our grade 1-5 program.
- 4.2. We will build a dynamic Senior High ministry that is connected to our Junior High ministry.
- 4.3. We will integrate all youth ministries through collaboration at all levels of staff.

5. We will build a strong post-secondary youth ministry:

- 5.1. This aspect of the vision will be assigned to another staff member, but may involve the Pastor of Student Leadership Development.

6. We will build a youth ministry offering excellent teaching that is:

- 6.1. Biblically-centered,
- 6.2. Christ-focused,
- 6.3. culturally relevant, and
- 6.4. creatively engaging.

7. We will develop a strong partnership with camp ministries:

- 7.1. We recognize the importance of camp ministry in the holistic development of our youth and want to foster that relationship through:
 - 7.1.1. integration of camp as a place where personal growth flourishes,
 - 7.1.2. integration of leadership in creating an environment that fosters year-round growth and community; and
 - 7.1.3. integrating camp leadership training and resources.

8. The outcome of this ministry will be that youth will:

- 8.1. know their identity is rooted in Christ,
- 8.2. believe in the possibility that God can use them to impact the world,
- 8.3. be rooted firmly in the Word of God and the Biblical worldview; and
- 8.4. leave believing that Christ is the hope of the world and that the Church is God's instrument to bless the world.