

# Sending Young Disciples into the World & Loving the Ones Already There

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## Outline of Webinar

- Youth Identity
- Faith Identity
- Ministering to Disciples in High School
- Encouraging Gap Year Students
- Loving Disciples in the World
- Practical Ministry Ideas
- Questions & Answers

## Grade 9-10

- Youth start High School
- Exposure to adult life
- New Relationships & friendships are formed
- Begin entering the workforce
- Start making choices about education
- Mental Health Struggles start to manifest

## Grade 11-12

- Youth start preparing for post-High School
- Exposure on a deeper level to adult life
- Begin to make major life decisions
- Have more control over education
- Youth begin to drive
- Youth shift from “youth” to “young adult”

## Age 18-21

- Young adults start preparing for “Real life”
- Deeply exposed to adult life
- Eligible to vote
- Intentional choices about education, employment & living
- More exposure to the larger to world through travel & new friendships

## Identity of Faith

- Encouraged by family & faith leaders to make faith their own
- Begin to see faith in practice
- Opportunities for mission trips begin
- Youth/Young adults become aware of other faith practices
- Seek their Isaiah 6.8 moment

## Ministering to Disciples in High School

- Assurance of Jeremiah 29.11
- Not always the best years of life
- Equip students through leadership
- Provide students with a voice in faith community
- Encourage, not force, Profession of Faith
- Isaiah 6.8 will happen

## Encouraging 'Gap Year' Students

- Avoid asking them about school
- Provide leadership & responsibility
- Encourage the exploration of spiritual gifts
- Live out 1 Timothy 4:12
- Use 'adult' language, not 'child' or 'teen' language

## Loving Disciples in the World

- Assure of Jeremiah 29.11
- Avoiding “best years of your life” language
- Live out the “church is a family” view
- Help students find faith community in new town
- Provide service/leadership opportunities during summer months

## Practical Ministry Ideas

- University Information Session
  - Not institutional session, rather experience
- One On One Mentoring
  - Partner recent HS grads with recent university grads
- Create leadership opportunities
- Care Package & Cards (Snail Mail)
- Visit Students on their “turf”

## Some helpful resources

- Kids Help Phone [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)
- Mental Health First Aid [www.mhfa.ca](http://www.mhfa.ca)
- *The Jack Project* [www.jack.org](http://www.jack.org)
- *Life Teams* [www.lifeteams.ca](http://www.lifeteams.ca)

## Questions & Answers

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