



5 REASONS

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY

- 1** Youth ministry is vital to helping teens **integrate** into the larger intergenerational community of the church.
- 2** Youth ministry resists the status quo, helping a church **stay relevant** in a changing culture.
- 3** Youth ministry focuses on inviting those who are not already part of the church into the **deeper narrative** of God's plan for humankind.
- 4** Youth ministry reminds the church that teens are not marginalized members of the body, but are **co-creators and conspirators** in the divine work of the church, restoring life on earth as it is in heaven.
- 5** Youth ministry helps the church focus on **the way of Jesus**, which goes beyond tradition, dogma, and ritual.

Youth Specialties commissioned a comprehensive nationwide study by Barna to better understand the state of youth ministry in churches today. The following results stand out to us and reinforce the reasons the Church needs youth ministry:

- In the last three years 60% of churches experienced an increase in their youth ministry attendance overall
- 75% of youth leaders surveyed say that discipleship and spiritual instruction is the top priority for their ministries
- 66% believe that their church leadership views youth ministry as one of the top few priorities in their church

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