

## YFC Presentation

Current state of the **youth in our city**:

- Young adults (19-25) leaving church at a high rate due to irrelevance of faith personally and in community
- Issues of healthy identity/Personal value
- Value of Life in view of pop culture/Violence/Bullying
- Dealing with Guilt & Shame & Despondency & turning to Suicide

**“You are the salt of the earth.** But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

**“You are the light of the world—**like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.** -Matthew 5:13-16

### I. *Keep it simple and intentional*

The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. **Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveler’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.** -Luke 10:1-4

- **Not overcomplicating the mission**
- **Avoiding the distraction of busyness**
- **Looking for where God is at work and aligning**
- **Keeping it about people and relationship**
- **Staying focused on why we do what we do**

### II. *Bring God’s peace and live life in your community*

“Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, **‘May God’s peace be on this house.’** If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. Don’t move around from home to home. **Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide.** Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

– Luke 10:5-7

- **Encouraging the local schools**
- **Collaborating efforts with local agencies**
- **Active participation in community events**
- **Active in community groups and networks**
- **Active involvement with city initiatives**

### III. *Identify and meet the needs*

Heal the sick... – Luke 10:9(a)

- **Coaching**
- **Programs during meal breaks in schools**
- **Life skill training**
- **Lunch programs**
- **After school programs**

### IV. *Reveal the kingdom of God*

...and tell them, **‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.**

– Luke 10:9(b)

**Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me.** -Luke 10:16

- **Kingdom in action & conversations**
- **Youth and Street ALPHA**
- **Building time activities**
- **One-on-one support**
- **Community presentations**
- **Connecting the church with the un-churched**

## ***We'll experience God at work in our city***

When the seventy-two disciples returned, **they joyfully reported** to him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!” - Luke 10:17

“Yes,” he told them, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! Look, **I have given you authority** over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; **rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.**”

- Luke 10:18-20

- Excited to report that God is at work in our city and we are seeing opportunities to share the hope of Christ throughout the week

## ***YFC in our City***

- Streetlight impact on downtown youth
- Waiting lists for centre programs
- Schools requesting programs during meal breaks
- Opportunities for more involvement in city discussions around community development with youth
- Connecting church ministries with community agencies

## ***Partnering Together***

- Community Engagement
- Youth Support – Bring your talent!
- Construction & Building Development
- Financial
  - Staff Support
  - Youth Scholarships
  - General Support