



Session 2

Lesson 2: Because Youth Ministry is a Calling



Scripture Text

- Matthew 28:19-20 -- Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



Key Terms

- "Because Youth Ministry is a Calling"
- Calling
- Purpose
- Cost
- Identity
- Perceived & Proper Expectations
- Sources of Identity: personality; program; preparation; pain; pride



Lecture Objectives

- Describe the Biblical understanding of calling and its relationship to youth ministry
- Identify and discuss major expectations placed upon ministers by themselves, the church, and those to whom they minister.



To Think About Before You Go On

- How would you describe "calling"? How would you illustrate it for a young believer? For an unbeliever?
- What are some characteristics of "calling"? How is a "calling" different than an "interest"? How is it different than a "job" or "career"?

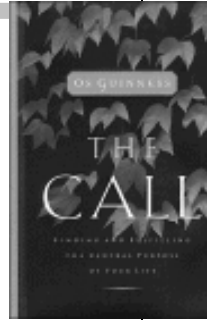
What is a “calling”?

“God’s hand leading us to a specific plan, position, or a task in order to glorify himself as we faithfully serve Him. God is as interested in what He is doing in our lives as He is in those to whom He has called us to serve.”



Because Youth Ministry is a calling

What is "Calling": Matthew 28:19-20



***The Call*, by Os Guinness**

This book is a great resource for you to read and reread as you seek God's call on your life. It will take you through a biblical and practical overview of what it means to seek and find God's call on your life.

Arguments against youth ministry

- Deuteronomy 11:19-20



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- (<http://www.portal.covenantseminary.edu>)

What do you think: What is a youth pastor? As a youth pastor, how have you handled the varying expectations illustrated by the labels? As a parent, how have you perpetuated these labels and expectations?

What is a youth pastor?

(Select form the list below)

Administrator	Theologian
Coach	Musician
Friend	Counselor
Parent	Student
Pastor	Cultural expert
Shepherd	Missionary
Teacher	Social Worker
Mentor	Conference Coordinator
Marketer	Employee
Manager	Boss
Developer	Financial Planner
Architect	Fan
	Graphic Artist

Other: _____



- Go back and rethink the 'To think about before you go on' questions on the first page of this lecture.