



## Session 8

### Lesson 15: Profile of a Relational Youth Minister



#### Scripture Text

- Philippians 2:1-4 – “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”



#### Key Terms

- Profile
- Fear
- Overcoming fear



#### Lecture Objectives

- Briefly describe some characteristics of a relational youth minister
- Identify the Biblical precedence for these characteristics
- Identify hindrances to relational youth ministry and ideas for addressing them



#### To Think About Before You Go On

- How would you describe a “relational youth minister”? How does it compare and contrast with other types of ministers? Take time to write your ideas here.

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If the church is to effectively reach out to the multitude of lost students, youth ministers must be willing to go where kids are. This means that they must overcome the fears they are experiencing. **The question is how?**

1. Recognize the importance of your mission
2. Pray, and have others pray for you
3. Memorize Scripture
4. Find a companion to go with. Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs
5. Plan to meet kids you know
6. Educate your core kids on what you are doing
7. Don't sit in the parents' section
8. *Stand outside by the concession stand until you meet some students you know*
9. *Bring gum or candy, but be careful; Be fun and be appropriate.*

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10. *Bring cash for doing things afterward*
11. *Never introduce yourself as "Pastor \_\_\_\_\_"*
12. *Dress your own age, but in style*
13. *Be yourself*
14. *Recognize that as you get to know more students, you will become more comfortable*
15. *Remember kids' names*
16. *Ask fun questions*
17. *Try not to go alone*

### ***Be Yourself***

*We are all gifted in different ways. There is no one personality that is most effective when it comes to building meaningful relationships with students. You need to be yourself and use the gifts God has given you.*



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