

THE IMPORTANCE OF INTENTIONAL PROGRAMMING

It's easy to fall into a rut of student ministry programming that lacks strategy. Maybe we're doing the same thing we've always done even though it isn't really working as it has in the past. We're probably all a little guilty of *coasting* from time to time.

Maybe we're trying new things, but they're not our things. We heard about the *cool* events and ideas at the church down the road or on social media, so we try to mimic what they are doing. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't.

In either case, there's no intentionality behind our programming. We're either trying to maintain our past efforts or trying to keep up with some other church's student ministry. Both of these can be culprits that help lead to burnout. While these ruts are easy to slip into, they don't have to be hard to climb out of. Ministry is often challenging and thankless work. But it can be a lot of fun too.

All processes, including ministry, function better when structure and strategies are in place. We want to help you simplify and improve your efforts toward making disciples. We want you to have fun doing what you do. In the Intentional Programming folder, you will find tons of useful resources to help you plan out your youth ministry strategy for the entire year. Every included tool comes with an introduction and user guide.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS FOLDER

REACH-GO-GROW

- Introduction to the REACH-GROW-GO Strategy
- Youth Ministry Assessment Tools

MINISTRY CALENDARS

- Semester Calendars Templates
- Monthly Calendar Templates
- Suggestions on how to set up each type of Calendar

REACH EVENTS

- 4 Reach Events

GO EVENTS

- 4 Go Events

MISSION TRIP RESOURCES

- Pre-Trip Training
- On-Trip Devotional Field Guide
- Post-Trip Training
- *Student Mission Trip Greenhouse* E-book

GAMES

- 25 Screen Games for large/small group interaction

TEAM-BUILDING GAMES

- 8 Team-Building Games for leadership teams, mission teams, and small groups

DNOW

- A code for a free, fully-packaged Disciple Now Retreat Weekend

