



GRAND RAPIDS, MI
OCTOBER 14-16, 2025

LEADING FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Come to Refuel Retreat to change your perspective and drive growth.

As youth workers, it's hard to find time to pause, evaluate, and figure out the next steps in ministry. Most weeks we're just too busy making sure that we've planned a great game, prepared a solid talk, and emailed parents a quick calendar update. It's exhausting! And we end up stuck in neutral instead of moving forward. It's time to shift gears. Join us at a Refuel Retreat that's designed to put you back in the driver's seat. You'll create a dashboard for your ministry that will allow you to gauge the needs of your group and know what you need to do next.

LOCATION

EVENT ADDRESS

Grace Christian University
1011 Aldon St SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49509

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HOSTED BY

LeaderTreks Youth Ministry
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MISSION + STRATEGY + PROGRAMMING = RESULTS

Come be with a small group of youth workers who want to work together to improve their youth ministries.

We are excited to welcome you to Refuel Retreat in Grand Rapids, MI!

At this Refuel Retreat we will be talking about *Leading from the Driver's Seat*. For many of us, we have taken over a ministry or inherited a ministry, and it feels like we are saddled with mission, values, and programming that we don't feel comfortable with, but we don't know how to change. We are going to discuss how we can move from caretakers to leaders in our youth ministries.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT REFUEL

You can expect to meet people like you. You'll meet fellow youth workers who want to grow in leadership, learn from each other and build relationships with people who are serving students.

Refuel Retreats are facilitated by Doug Franklin the president of LeaderTreks. Doug has over 35 years of youth ministry experience, working with students and youth leaders. More importantly, Doug is friendly with an easy-going style. He'll facilitate the experience and help you get the most out of your time. At times he'll ask challenging personal questions, pushing you to go deeper, while other times he will have you share your best practices with the whole group.

Doug's role is to facilitate your time at Refuel, using both discussion and innovative LeaderTreks resources to get you thinking. The whole retreat is designed to create a collaborative environment where you can grow, build relationships, relax and have fun.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

On both mornings of the retreat, you will spend time with a life map. Life mapping is a tool helping you know where you want to go spiritually and in ministry over the next year. The heart of Refuel is allowing you time with God to refuel your spiritual life.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

We want you to walk out with a plan to grow. After each session we will give you time and an innovative tool to help you create a plan to bring change and growth to your youth ministry. Your time at Refuel will be more than sharing creative ideas; it will help you make real change in yourself and in your ministry.

SCHEDULE

We officially kick off the first day at 2 PM with snacks and discussion, it's a great time to connect with others. We'll talk about our ministries, what's working for them, what's not, and to talk through your goals for your time at Refuel. We also dive right into our first main session of the retreat.

In the evening we will gather for a catered dinner and some fun.

On both Day 2 and Day 3 in the morning we have set aside time for everyone to engage with God on a very personal level. We want this time to be spiritually refueling, but also growth inspiring. During this time we give everyone a personal Life Map, specifically designed to help you chart out the next year of your life and your ministry.

Our main sessions on both Day 2 and Day 3 focus on real ministry challenges, ranging from how to effectively lead yourself, to recruiting and caring for volunteers, to developing a great relationship with your senior pastor and church leadership. We value the experience and wisdom that everyone brings to the table, making our session times extremely rich.

Our sessions wrap up by noon each day, so you'll have plenty of time to relax, connect with others, and connect with God. Whether you love hitting 18 holes on the golf course, spending time in nature, or simply reading a good book, we've set aside time so you can truly relax.

DAY 1 TUESDAY		DAY 2 WEDNESDAY		DAY 3 THURSDAY	
2:00p	Welcome	8:30a	Life Mapping & Soul Care	8:30a	Life Mapping & Soul Care
2:15p	Session 1	10:00a	Session 2	10:00a	Session 3
6:00p	Dinner as a team	12:30p	Free Time	11:45a	End of Day 3
8:00p	End of Day 1	5:30p	Dinner options		
		9:00p	End of Day 2		

CHOOSE FROM 3 EXPERIENCE OPTIONS

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Full Retreat Experience
Soul Care Book
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