

# MAC Resources

## Youth Ministries

\*BIG Enough for You?, with Ted & Lee. © 2002 by Mennonite Mission Network.

*Format:* Videocassette with study guide.

Talks of God's acceptance for you. Running Time 17 minutes.



\*Bridge to Forgiveness. © 2001 by Mennonite Media.

*Format:* Videocassette with study guide.

Talks of Jesus' extreme forgiveness on the cross and how your students can connect with that kind of forgiveness.



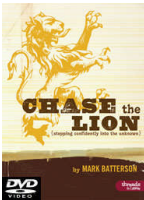
\*Bulletproof: Overcoming Evil With Good. © 1999 by Neighbors Who Care

*Format:* 4-session video series with Adult Discussion Guide and Student Discussion Guide

Designed to assist pastors, youth leaders, parents, and other concerned adults in understanding- and helping teens better understand – the problem of youth violence.

\*Chase the Lion: Stepping Confidently into the Unknown. by Mark Batterson. © 2007 Lifeway Press.

Contrary to popular belief, God didn't intend for life's journey to always be safe. Actually, a fulfilling life could be hiding behind a present problem, a past failure, or a lifelong fear. With help from the Leader Kit, you can challenge young adults to let go of the tame experience that passes for the Christian life. Instead, they can choose to chase after God-given opportunities even when circumstances seem too risky to do so. Kit includes: 6 sessions format, member book, CD with leader guide, music, promotional tools, and biblical commentary to further your personal study to help you lead, video documentary of a personal story, and audio interviews.



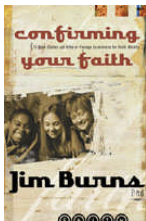
\*Choices, Teamwork: A Complete Camp Resource. © 1998 by Convention Press

*Format:* Camp Director's handbook for the theme

An overview of the theme of teamwork and ideas for the week of camp that can be adapted to fit your needs.

\*Confirming Your Faith: 13 Bible Studies and Rites-of-Passage Experiences for Youth Ministry by Jim Burns.

Participants will uncover the basics of Christianity—from the Apostles' Creed to baptism. And they'll get more than their feet wet as Burns addresses purity, spiritual gifts, servanthood, sharing your faith, and more!



\*Dynamic Communicators Workshop, with Ken Davis. © 1996, 2001 by Dynamic Communications International/Youth Specialties/Zondervan.

*Format:* Videocassette series with Participant's workbook

This is the perfect training resource for anyone who wants to communicate more effectively or wants to train and motivate staff, volunteers, or students leaders.



\*Encounter Digital Bible Lessons.

Empower students to interact first-hand with the Bible and learn how God helps with the struggles they face every day with *Encounter Digital Bible Lessons*. This single CD-ROM contains suggestions for using this curriculum in both a classroom and small-group setting, complete plans for up to 8 lessons, Bible commentary for the teacher, reproducible student activity sheets, take-home lesson-related devotions, Bible memory puzzles, and audio and video teaching activities.



*Examining Religions* covers Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, and Wicca.



Teens love the media, but how well can they handle its pervasive influence? *The Media* will help them discover how to sort the good from the mediocre from the dangerous.



*The Church* will correct the impression that the church is just another club we can join and that there is nothing unique about the church of Jesus Christ.



*Overwhelming Evidence* reveals that Jesus' death and resurrection were predicted, recorded, and confirmed in Scripture; only Jesus has the right to command our total allegiance; and only Jesus has the power to save us completely.



*Wise Advice* reveals that we can remain faithful to Jesus Christ; the church must be led by godly, qualified people; our lives must always support the truth of our message; Christians need one another; and live confidently because God is in control. Includes plans for up to 10 lessons.



*Self-Esteem* focuses on looking to God rather than in a mirror; God considers inner beauty more important than physical beauty; pride is destructive and humility is rewarded; and think of others before thinking of yourself.

\*Experiencing Christ Together. © 2005, by Doug Fields.

These six study guides have six sessions each and enable small groups to explore the power and life application of Jesus' teaching on the five biblical purposes of a Christian life by closely examining Christ's model in the Gospels.



\*Flood: Real Life, Real Issues.

Teens today face many difficult situations and decisions. Three vitally important topics in 6 film clips are addressed in this study as students learn to navigate the shark-infested waters of the teen years.

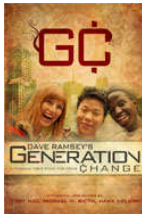


**\*Generation Change: A Study for Teens on What God Says about Money**, with David Ramsey. © 2007 The Lampo Group, Inc.

*Format:* 4 DVDs, 1 CD-Rom of Tools and Extras, 1 Leaders guide, 8 Student Journals, and 8 Pledge Cards. 30 Day study with 4 teaching sessions.

Every day, our youth are bombarded with a million different voices—everything from billboards to internet ads—telling them who they are and measuring their worth by what they have. The pressure to be accepted in today’s “stuff-centered” world drives them, and perhaps even their parents, to throw money away on things that don’t matter—all in an attempt to “be somebody.” The result? We’re raising a generation that spends money they don’t have to buy things they don’t need to impress people they don’t even like! It’s time for a change! *Generation Change* is an entertaining, informative youth Bible study that shows today’s students how money really works, how God view money, and how to grow into responsible young adults who are ready to embrace all of God’s blessings. *GC* will help teens understand:

- Their value through God’s eyes,
- That no amount of “stuff” can change their self-worth,
- The danger of debt, from credit cards to car payments,
- Why and how to save money and pay cash for what they want,
- How a lifestyle of generous giving can change the world around them forever.

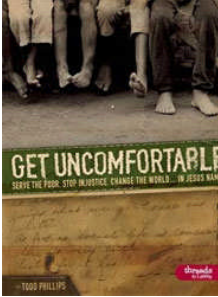


**\*Get Uncomfortable: Serve the Poor. Stop Injustice. Chance the World... In Jesus' Name**, by Todd Phillips. © 2007 Lifeway Press.

Celebs give away millions to help. The government and non-profits do their part. But where is the church when it comes to social injustice? Are we all too afraid to get uncomfortable? If you’ve ever considered that your faith in Christ and your concern for the poor and suffering go hand-in-hand, then reclaim the mission!

This study will guide you to examine the character of God, explore the true condition of the world, uncover misconceptions about poverty, and learn how to use the power of the Holy Spirit. By offering practical ways to make that impact and providing a biblical link between evangelism and social action, you and your small group will understand what God wants His followers to do for “the least of these.”

Kit includes: Six sessions, DVD documentary of two young adults' attempts to engage themselves in changing the world, an enhanced CD with leader tools, music, and audio interviews concerning practical steps towards social change.



\*Good Sex. By Jim Hancock and Kara Powell.

Through the use of video, an extensive youth leader's guide, and a student book called What Almost Nobody Will Tell You About Sex, the Good Sex curriculum is an upfront, truthful, process-centered resource that invites students to consider, understand, and surrender their sexuality to the God who loves them and who made them sexual beings. Includes youth leader's guide, 1 student journal (What Almost Nobody Will Tell You About Sex) (each sold separately), and 1 60-minute video. 7 sessions (flexible format).



\*Help! I'm a Small Group Leader! Training DVD, with Laurie Polich and The Skit Guys (Eddie James and Tommy Woodard). © 2007 by Youth Specialities.

One of the most important elements of a youth ministry is the small group. Finding leaders who are capable and confident to lead those small groups is no small task. But now you can be sure that your leaders are effectively trained (and even entertained) with Help! I'm a Small-Group Leader! Training Video. You'll find that training small group leaders has never been so easy or so much fun! The comedy of The Skit Guys, combined with the small group expertise of Laurie Polich will set your leaders up for success as they learn the do's and don'ts of small group leadership.

From skits with everything from "bad leaders" to "problem students," the Skit Guys portray eleven scenes that will have leaders laughing and learning. This DVD gives your leaders everything they need to take on the challenge of leading a small group of students, as Laurie provides practical training that will help your leadership team understand how to better lead teens in small groups.

Based on the bestseller, Help! I'm a Small Group Leader, you'll find this to be a great resource for use with your volunteers and youth ministry team.

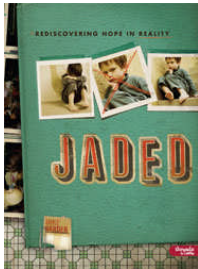


\*Jaded: Rediscovering Hope in Reality. by Mike Harder. © 2007 LifeWay Press.

All of us have experienced some level of pain when our idealism about life intersects with harsh reality. The collision leaves many young adults wounded and jaded, facing life with bitterness and cynicism rather than hope in God. Author Mike Harder knows what it's like to get caught in the cycle of cynicism all too well, but he also knows what it's like to find refuge in hope at the other end.

*Jaded* offers a safe environment for vulnerable sharing as young adults learn the truth about idealism vs. reality, identify pain from past emotional and spiritual wounding, recognize how God can use that pain to move us closer to Him, choose hope in Christ rather than bitterness, and ultimately discover how to become a giver of hope to others. There is renewed optimism for the idealist and healing for the cynic. This five-session Bible study will encourage your group to re-engage God, life, and reality as, together, you search for the hope that's waiting for you.

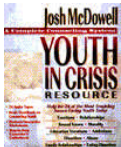
Kit includes: member book, CD with the leader guide, music, promotional tools, and biblical commentary to further your personal study as you prepare to lead, two discussion-sparking short films about why someone enters the jaded cycle, and audio of a round table discussion of young adults who will stimulate conversation through humor and authenticity.



\*Josh McDowell's Counseling Youth in Crisis Resource. © 1996 by Word Publishing.

*Format:* Counseling Youth in Crisis Manual with discussion guide sheets and interactive worksheets, 24 reproducible audio tapes for students of young people describing their own struggles, and McDowell's *Handbook on Counseling Youth*.

This resource helps pastors, youth workers, teacher, and other concerned adults to assist young people through crisis areas that have been identified as the 24 most critical issues facing youth today.



\*The Justice Mission Curriculum

For many Christians, justice is a spiritual something that God doles out on Judgment Day. Yet since ancient times, God's middle name (so to speak) has been JUSTICE. Old Testament, New Testament—wherever in the Bible you look, it's clear that God has

always had a compassionate eye on the oppressed, the exploited, the brutalized. Because God expects no less of us today, here's a compelling curriculum that makes this mandate clear and doable for your students. The Justice Mission curriculum includes: 40-minute segmented video and 1 leader's guide.



\*A Life of EXTREME Sacrifice, with Dr. Dick Eastman. © 1998 by Rock the Nations, Produced and distributed by Gospel Light.

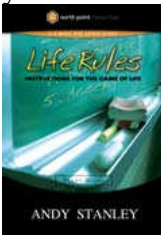
*Format:* Videocassette

Inspires young people to go “all out” giving themselves extravagantly to God and His purposes.



\*Life Rules: Instructions for Life. © 2005, by Andy Stanley.

Half the fun of being a kid is misbehaving without getting caught. But adults know that there's nothing amusing about breaking *Life Rules*. In this 6-part series, Andy Stanley outlines God's principles for improving your current relationships---and mending damaged ones. As you learn to forgive, accept, serve, encourage, and submit to others, you'll discover positive changes in *everything* you do.



\*Living Extreme Days, Study Series. © 2001 by Weslex Group.

*Format:* 6-session study with leader's guide and CD Rom media disc version and VHS Tape version, 1 student study journal with mini-CD Rom media disc, and Free soundtrack CD.

Companion study series to the movie EXTREMEDAYS. . . . An authentic experience in meeting students where they live.

\*Making a Difference: Leading Students in Life-Changing Service

Taking clothes or food to others in need...it seems like a simple thing to do. But how do you lead teenagers to have a "servant's heart" all of the time? In this outreach adventure, guide teens to the "heart" of service with the exceptional experiences found in *Making a Difference*. Students will learn, serve and share by "adopting" a family to care for, studying biblical examples, discussing, journaling, and taking part in creative worship presentations--all reinforcing what it means to serve.

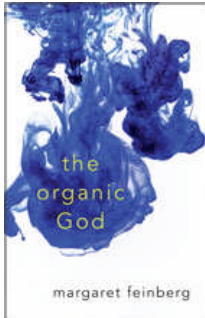
Kit includes: CD, video, 1 leader guide and 6 student journals.



\*Organic God, with Margaret Feinberg. ©2007 by Zondervon.

*Format:* DVD, 11 sessions/chapters.

Set forth on an “organic” spiritual journey to discover God again for the first time, and free yourself of pollutants, additives, and other distractions that can cloud this ultimate relationship. This compelling read will help you create a real, authentic, and life-giving bond with God. It’s an invitation to fall in love with God all over again.



\*The Prayer Path: a Christ-Centered Labyrinth Experience. © 2001 by Group.

*Format:* Leader’s Guide for the 11 station labyrinth tour, devotional guides, accompanying CD’s, and 2 videos (and it comes in a nifty canister!).

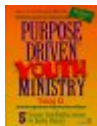
You will create your own multi-needs labyrinth for a unique guided prayer and devotional adventure through 11 different stations.



\*Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry Training Kit, with Doug Fields. © 2000 by Doug Fields, Zondervan Publishing House, Youth Specialties

*Format:* 5-session video with Facilitator’s and Participant’s guide.

Help you and your leadership team (both adults and student leaders) build a purpose-driven ministry.



\*Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry Workshop: A Leadership “Blueprint for Youth Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Copyright by Doug Fields.

*Format:* Audio cassette series with workbook.

Greater Commitment from Volunteers, Models of Youth Ministry that Work, How to Reach Non-Christian Students, How to Move Students towards Spiritual Maturity, and many more!!

\*Setting Youth Free to Make Right Choices, with Josh McDowell. © 1995 by Word Publishing

*Format:* 5-session video series for Junior High and High School students with leader's guide, and *Truth Slayers* companion book.

The video series is part of the national Right From Wrong Campaign. . . . Designed to enable you to teach your youth to make right moral choices based on God and His Word as their absolute standard of right.

\* Starting Right: Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry, Saddleback Church Resources Notebook, by Doug Fields.

*Format:* 141 pages, Notebook style with instructional audio cassettes

Full of Youth Ministry ideas, how to reach out to the community, Sunday School ideas, Student leadership ideas, and much, much, more!

\*Step by Step: A Mentor's Guide. © 1997 by Emerging Young Leaders.

*Format:* 24-lesson approach for anyone who wishes to become a mentor of any sort. Includes the mentor's guide, video clips, audiocassette, and the booklet, *Life's Greatest Adventure*.

This study encourages and teaches mentors to instill values in your mentee, develop their leadership skills, open their minds to greater possibilities, counsel them on life's important issues, strengthen your relationship with them, and much more.



\*Student Underground: An event curriculum on the persecuted church. © 2000 by Youth Specialties

*Format:* 4-session set-up with 60-minute video, *Behind the Sun*. Use for retreat, lock-in event, or a month of weekly meetings.

Open students' eyes to the anguishing, world-wide persecution of Christians – and how teenagers can start praying for, communicating with, and reaching out toward victims.



\*Teens vs. Parents: A 4-part Video-Driven Bible Study for Youth Groups. By Mark Matlock. © 2007 Bluefish.

The myth of a perfect family can lead to disappointment, frustration and anger. There is no perfect family. But many teenagers struggle with expectations and authority from their parents.

In these four sessions, Mark Matlock will give practical and Biblical instruction to teens to help repair and build healthy relationship with their parents. Real-life interviews with teenagers from across the country. Discover better ways for understanding, communication and forgiveness between teens and parents. Four insightful topics: The

Myth of a Perfect Family, Living up to Expectations, Authority and Rebellion, and Friend or Foe.

Kit Includes: 2 DVDs, 60 page leader guide, reproducible handouts for the group.



\*The YouthBuilders Training to Go Series. Youth workers have zeal, personality, love for God and heart for young people. What they often don't have is training- or enough time! With these quick and easy videos, you can prepare your volunteers and equip yourself for real-life ministry to junior high and high school students. Jim Burns teaches you what works and what doesn't, based on over 20 years of experience. Your students deserve more than good intentions- give them a staff that's trained especially to meet their needs. Training to Go comes in 8 individual videos



\*\*\*National Youth Workers Convention Audio Cassette Libraries

\*1994, with workshops of Brennan Manning, Bill Hybels, and Tony Campolo

\*1995, with workshops of "Developing a Vision for your Youth Ministry," "The Central Message of Christ," "How to Plan & Pull off a Youth Missions Trip," and "Expecting Big Things from Small Youth Groups."

\*1997, with workshops of "Developing a Ministry that Includes Families," "How Mission & Service can Turn Even you Knuckleheads into Disciples," and "Making Sunday School a Winner."

\*\*\*National Youth Workers Convention Videos, Copyright Youth Specialties.

\*1997, Philadelphia and San Diego.

\*2002, Pittsburgh, PA HIGHLIGHTS, Jay Delp Productions.

\*2002, Pittsburgh, General Session #2 with Rob Bell.

\*2002, Pittsburgh, General Session #5 with Doug Fields