

# Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 | 5:00PM | Rm 121

**Purpose:** This meeting is to discuss some of the growing pains we're experiencing and how we can alleviate some of the pressures the tremendous growth is presenting. As our ministry grows, we can scale exponentially with it as long as it doesn't all depend on one limited person (i.e. Tim).

**Tim needs help:** Office time is consumed with weekly event coordination, maintaining communication, preparing Bible lessons, volunteer screening process, Allies, visitor follow-up, attending student's games/performances, youth ministry study time, meetings, etc...

**Proposal:** Put a couple teams in place to oversee necessary aspects of the ministry.

- *Youth leader executive team:* A core team of youth leaders, a student or two and Tim to make executive decisions and oversee the youth ministry in general. This team is expected to be responsive in a timely manor.
- *An events team:* Plan monthly events for both sr. high and jr. high and occasional youth leader parties.
  - Planet Wisdom student conference
  - Youth group Christmas party
  - Youth leader Christmas party
  - New Year's Eve event
  - 30 Hour Famine
  - Youth leader overnight retreat in April
- *A parent support/education team:* Plan monthly workshops for educating parents in teen issues.
  - Myspace, Facebook and Internet social networks
  - The influence of dating trends
  - What teenage girls/guys need from parents
  - The impact of teenage physical development
  - Understanding teenage sexuality and identity
  - How teenagers handle emotions
  - Understanding teenage intellectual development
  - Teenage social development and the influence of family and friends
  - How to help your teenager develop solid faith foundation
  - How to use culture to your advantage in raising teens
- *A student leadership team:* A group of adults who work one-on-one with a small number of students specifically for the purpose of developing leadership skills.
- *A recruitment/screening team:* Work closely with Tim in introducing new leaders to our ministry and to help oversee the screening process for each leader.
  - Help make contact with references

- Conduct interviews
  - Make opportunities for potential leaders to see the child abuse video
  - Pass along info to Bobbie for background checks
  - Make sure paperwork is complete and filed
- *Evangelism team:* Brainstorm and implement a plan for intentionally reaching unsaved and unchurched students in Alexandria.
  - *Music team:* Form a group of musicians to regularly lead the youth group in worship on Sunday nights (Sr. High) and Wednesday nights (Jr. High).
  - *Welcoming team:* Designate students and adults at each youth meeting to look out for newcomers and make them feel accepted and loved. Follow-up during the week and give info to Tim so he can follow-up, too. Look for them next week.

**Discussion:**

1. Discuss the proposal of these teams.
2. Any other ideas for how to meet some of these needs?
3. Any other needs that need to be addressed in the youth ministry?

**Course of Action:** What steps do we need to take to start moving in the right direction?

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**STEP 2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STEP 3:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Closing Story Time:**

- Share YTD experiences with The Journey.
- How do you handle discouragement when you invest time and good instruction into immature and hard hearts that don't want it?