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Is Jesus your embarrassing friend?

In youth ministry we feel the pressure to keep kids entertained.

What youth ministry needs today is a recalibration toward Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

We need our ministries, our lives and our teenagers transformed by the Truth of the cross.

1. The message of the cross unites our efforts. (It cuts across denominational differences and brings us all together.)
2. The message of the cross overcomes philosophical differences. (At the end of the day, it's about Christ and him crucified.)
3. The message of the cross clarifies our priorities. (Paul's top priority was preaching the gospel. Make youth group a discussion or even an argument about what they believe about these truths. Help them wrestle with it before a college prof does.)
4. The message of the cross is foolishness. (The text says "being saved," an on going process of being saved from the power of sin.)

In youth ministry today there's a fog of confusion over it. What do we do? Where do we go? How do we get there? We need to refocus on the cross and preach Christ and him crucified.

Sharing Christ is just as critical as living for Him. Hell is a reality in scripture.