

Miami Youth Leadership Initiative (MYLI) Course Listing

First Year Spring

Foundational Principles of Youth Ministry

Week TOPIC:

1. Introduction to MYLI, Guidelines, Schedule, and Foundational Principles
2. Developing a Philosophy of Youth Ministry
3. The Personal Life of the Youth Leader / Prayer Strategy
4. Campus Ministry -- Partnership with First Priority & FCA
5. Campus Ministry – Other opportunities for campus ministry
6. Developing a Leadership Team -- Recruiting, Training, and Screening Volunteers

Youth Ministry Distinctives

7. Penetrating the Student Culture – Reaching “un-churched” Young People
8. The Role of Games / Crowdbreakers / Learning Initiatives
9. Principles in Relational Youth Ministry
10. Applying Principles in Relational Youth Ministry
11. Understanding Levels of Youth Ministry
12. Strategic Programming -- Developing a Biblically-Based, Relationally-Oriented, Well-Balanced, Fun, Creative Youth Ministry Program -- Part 1
13. Strategic Programming -- Part 2

Putting it together

14. What does the program “look like”? Essential Ingredients
15. Sample schedule and topics for Youth Group meetings
16. Trips, Events and Camps – Part 1
17. Trips, Events and Camps – Part 2 (Financing and budgeting)

Fall
September – December

Evangelism / Discipleship / Student Leadership

Week TOPIC:

Introduction to Evangelism

1. Evangelism in a Post-Christian, Postmodern World.
2. Principles of Evangelism
3. Sharing Your Faith
4. Campus Evangelism and Follow-up

Discipleship:

5. Principles of Discipleship
6. Models & Methods of Discipleship
7. Implementing a Discipleship Program – Nuts and Bolts
8. How to Run a Small Group
9. Utilizing Curriculum

Developing Next-Generation Leaders – Leadership and empowerment:

10. Student Leadership Development Part 1
11. Student Leadership Development Part 2
12. Mobilizing Your Youth as Agents of Change
13. Involving Youth in Ministry

Second Year

Spring Topics: Teaching the Bible / Effective Communication

Week

TOPIC:

1. Introduction to Bible Teaching
2. Teaching the Bible Creatively
3. Qualities of Effective Teaching
4. Focusing the Message
5. Structuring the Lesson
6. Teaching Methods
7. Finding and Using Illustrations
8. Making Your Meetings Come Alive

9. Models to enhance Learning
10. Utilizing Technology Part I
11. Utilizing Technology

Organizing Your Ministry

12. Youth Ministry for the Long Haul – Principles for Staying in Youth Ministry
13. Organizing your Team
14. Ministry Action Plan
15. Managing and Organizing your Life and Ministry

Fall Critical Issues in Youth Ministry

1. Better Safe Than Sued I
2. Better Safe Than Sued II
3. Sexual abuse issues
4. Understanding Youth Culture
5. Being Culturally Relevant in a Postmodern World
6. Cross Cultural Ministry
7. Family Ministry
8. Handling Discipline Problems
9. Teaching Teens about Love, Sex and Dating
10. Dealing with Gender Issues amongst your youth group (GLBT)
11. Basic Principles in Counseling Teenagers
12. Teens in Crisis – How to handle Crisis Situations
13. Dealing with Angry kids
14. Dealing with Troubled Kids
15. Substance Abuse
16. Suicide / Self Harm

Final Sessions

1. Review and putting it all together
2. Presentations
3. Graduation Banquet!!!

NOTE: PERIODICALLY, ADDITIONAL SEMINARS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.