

Equipping Young Disciples for Mission

Many don't realise that when Christ sent his first disciples into mission, most of them were in their late teens or early twenties. Young people have time, energy, and passion that accelerates the work of God when properly released. At the same time, they are inexperienced and sometimes even unreliable. How can young people be quickly and effectively equipped for mission? What will make them fruitful for the long haul? Josiah Venture mobilises over 1000 young disciples into mission each year and trains over 5000 young leaders. Dave will share lessons learned from these experiences that can be translated to other settings.

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I. Intro – Why equip young disciples for mission?

II. Four key questions:

1. What motivates young disciples into mission?
2. How do you turn passion into fruitfulness?
3. What is the best way to equip young disciples for mission?
4. How do you build stability and endurance so that the disciple-making mission becomes a lifestyle for young believers and not just a project or one-time experience?

III. Application to your setting