



Planning Made Easy

The Bridge from What? To
Why? Programs that really
Matter

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**BREAK OUT
ROOMS**



**WHY ARE YOUTH PROGRAMS S
IMPORTANT????**

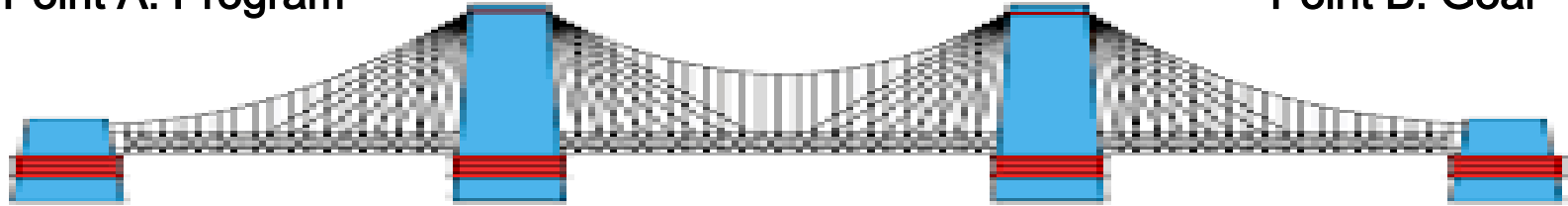
10 Common reasons youth leaders do p

1. **Something** - just fill the time that was given.
2. **Nothing** - we don't do anything: we do nothing.
3. **Anything** - better than nothing: do anything.
4. **Everything** - Super busy, hyperactive, lots of activity.
5. **One thing** - focus on just one thing.
6. **Best Thing** - we only do high quality.
7. **Same Thing** - we're in a rut, highly predictable.
8. **New Thing** - we only do the latest: we love fads.
9. **Old Thing** - stick with what the previous generation did.
10. **My Thing** - whatever I want, I don't need a reason.

Break out
rooms

Choose one of the Common reasons that you think it's more important and discuss it with your group.

Point A: Program



Point B: Goal

What is the Goal you want to achieve with your program?

Having a goal is essential to provide direction for our programs. It must be a goal that motivates the youth group.

In order for you to know what you are doing you need a plan.

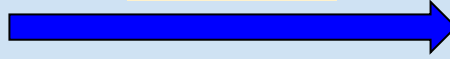
You need a plan to get from Point A to Point B.

BREAK OUT ROOMS



Discuss what types of Youth Programs we do for our youth and why do we do them/What's the purpose???

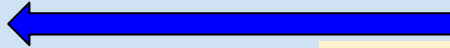
WHY???



PROGRAMS

GOAL

- Youth Groups
Christlikeness
- Friday evening Vespers
- Saturday night social
- Service Activities
- Prayer Experiences



HOW???



- Notice how the programs are big and appealing.
- Do you notice that the programs require **ACTION?**

If we do a program based on Jesus life and our Goal is to be like Christ it needs to lead into Action. It needs to be more specific.

You need something additional that relates to the goal and the program- something that links them together in a way useful for our purposes, plans, implementation, and evaluation.

You need a **BRIDGE** between your programs and your goal. You need a **PHILOSOPHY**.

WHY?



PROGRAMS

- Youth Group
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WHY?



PHILOSOPHY

- Fostering relationships
- That build
- Responsible
- Servant
- Leaders

GOAL

- Christlikeness

HOW?



HOW?



THE BRIDGE: A statement of Philosophy

Break rooms

Between your group choose a program
Goal and a philosophy to implement your
overall goal.



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“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”

Luke 14:28

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”

Proverbs 16:3

