

It feels like a family with everyone, real warm and close. I can feel it when I walk in the door. People actually care for you here." This is a quote from a StationX regular who is now becoming a volunteer. He summed up one of the main goals the StationX leadership team has had for the past few years. The community of StationX was affected recently, when one of our Mission YFC staff moved away. He was one of the main leaders at StationX and when he left it made the youth really sad. They said he was like a father for them and now that he's gone, they all say that there is a noticeable void in the family.

This idea of close relationships between people being a powerful force is something that I have been learning about lately. By making this a stronger focus in my ministry in the past year I have seen an increase in changed lives. Jesus focused closely on a group of 12 while he was on earth. Maintaining consistent interaction and building relationships with the same group of youth over the last year has been very good. Through this, I've seen youth consider faith, come to faith, come back to their faith... all through one-on-one relationships.

"hey hows it going its been a while we need to go for coffee sometime soon i have things i need to talk about but ive got no one to talk to about it i feel like my relation ship with god has ended and im not to sure how to get it back ive been down this rode before and you know cause youve helped me through it many times give me a shout and let me know when coffees good for you." This email that I recently received from a youth once again shows the importance of relationship.

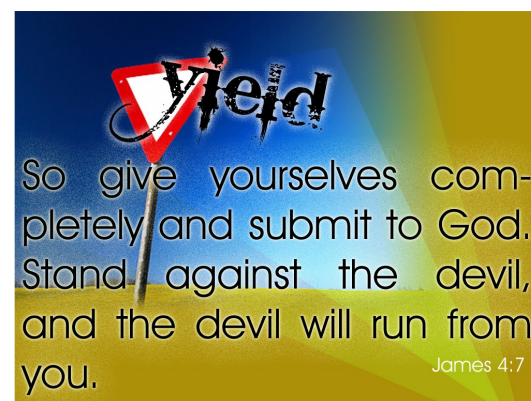
As effective as small groups and one-on-ones have been, I still pursue opportunities to reach out to larger groups of youth. I'm in the middle of working out plans to open an after school dropin in the new youth centre at my church. It's an awesome facility with pool tables,

Scriptalk @ Dairyqueen

This is a new program which I started which involves meeting with a group of youth to discuss a scripture verse over ice cream. I choose one verse and create a graphic out of it (see below). I then email or text message this out to a group of youth. This verse stays with them for the week so that it can interact with their daily lives. Then, at the end of the week we meet to share our thoughts and stories from the past week related to the verse. We've had some awesome discussions. I can see the power of scripture working in our lives.



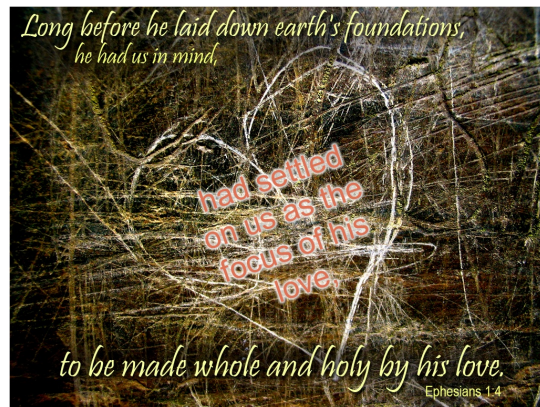
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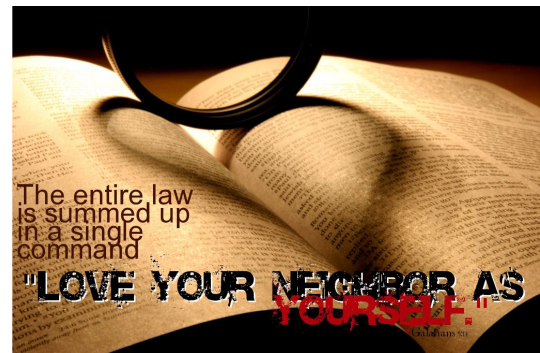
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foozball, air hockey, xbox, couches and a pounding sound system... essential ingredients to make the youth feel at home. Hanging out in this venue with the youth gives me the opportunity to become their friend and invite them to other programs such as youth church, Lifechangers, StationX, Scriptalk and more. The first step is to become their friend and then from there, God directs the way.

Over the summer, Elisa and I took youth from our Lifechangers group on a wilderness camping trip. We packed very heavy bags and hiked for over an hour to sleep on the shores of Lindeman Lake. We spent time cooking over a fire, exploring the caves, forest and lake, playing hide and seek, and spending time with God. We had lots of fun and meaningful conversations around the fire. The girls slept in a tent and the guys roughed it by sleeping under the stars. To take advantage of our surroundings, we gathered items which significantly reminded us of God, such as a heart shaped rock, branches formed into a cross, and "prayer sticks." One of the highlights of the trip was when we individually spent time with God with no distractions.



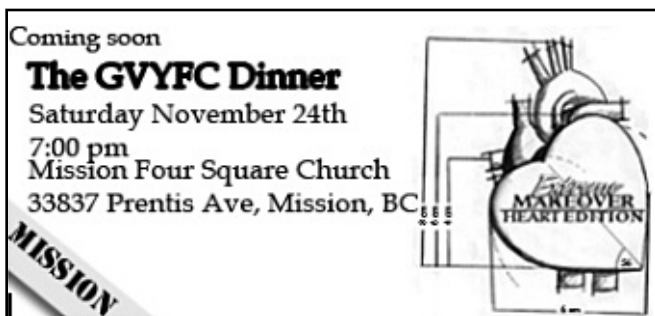
Scriptalk Ephesians 1:4



Scriptalk Galatians 5:14

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