

Third Thursday Notes

Mar 21, 2024 - Curriculum or Hard Pass?

How do we structure our teaching, and what resources do we use?

1) What is Curriculum

There are a variety of different types of Curriculum. In this episode, we discuss several options such as a subscription-based curriculum (Think Orange), utilizing shorter series that run 4-8 weeks or longer (Download Youth Ministry, Youth Cartel), Video series (RightNow Media), or developing one yourself for your youth ministry!

2) Pros & Cons

The curriculum is there to serve as a structure to help you reach your youth with the gospel and help them grow through the teaching that takes place. Some good questions to ask are:

- What is the theme/focus for the year that God is calling your unique group towards?
- Is there a topic that keeps coming up that could be addressed?
- Is there a book of the Bible that would fit in well with that theme/focus?

Not all curricula will hit it on the mark as far as connecting well with your group and you may need to tweak or rearrange their plan to fit your group better!

3) Curriculum **REQUIRES** Wisdom & Discernment

There are so many great options and choices out there for you to choose from, but for every great option, others lack biblical literacy and truth. In this search, you will encounter progressivism, bad theology, moralism, and more. Lean on your lead pastor and elders when choosing a good curriculum! If you are developing your own, great! Again go to your lead pastor and elders for their input, wisdom, and discernment! This will always help and protect you as well!!

Final Thought

Ultimately, who is the Center - God or man? Whether you make your own material or use a planned-out curriculum, be sure Christ is at the center!!
