

Third Thursday Notes

May 16, 2024 - Youth Graduate, What Now?

What Do We Do When Youth Graduate? This is a question that we often get from other youth leaders, and also our own from time to time. In this episode, we cover a few key areas to consider when asking the question of, "What Now?"

1) What Is Your Context?

As we wrestle with this question of how to minister to our high school graduates, we need to consider our context. Ben and Harry are in complete opposite situations when it comes to this. Harry is in a very rural small town context 4 hours from any city, and Ben is in a City with a large University. When you consider your context, this will help you see opportunities to minister.

2) How Do We Say Goodbye?

An important piece to having ministry with your High School Graduates is how you celebrate them finishing their High School careers. Did you celebrate them on Sunday with the Church Family? Can you do a celebration as well with just your youth and leaders? How can we communicate our hopes for them after graduation? Are there opportunities to plug in if they stay in the area to both be ministered to and to serve others?

3) What Does Your Context Uniquely Provide?

Here we start to apply our hopes, context, and vision for ministering to our young adults. We can start looking at small group opportunities they can plug into whether that's a life group just for young adults or another one that they can easily join! Harry utilizes the summers when college kids come home to minister to them since the opportunities are few during the school year!

Final Thought

Regardless of what you decide to do, your young adults are looking to belong and it can be a tough transition for them to make - simply connect with them! Seek God's leading as you make plans!
