

Third Thursday Notes

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What does Camp Ministry do really well?

- It captures the attention of students by getting them out of their everyday environments.
- It allows for a longer and more focused time for discipleship.
- It gives students access to learn from students and leaders outside of their normal circle of relationships.
- It can be a great place for students to serve and grow in their discipleship as they *serve* at camps.

What are some of the limitations of Camp Ministry?

- It doesn't provide on-going and day-to-day discipleship opportunities.
- Follow up, or handoff back to the church ministry, can be difficult.
- It isn't the church, thus the scope of ministry is more narrow.

What are some ways that camp ministry and church ministry complement each other for greater Kingdom Impact?

- Camp Ministry can be a great leadership and discipleship laboratory.
- Camp Ministry can lay relational framework for discipleship in the church.
- Collaboration in relationship and teaching.

What action steps can youth workers/pastors take to leverage their relationship with camp ministry?

- Be in communication with your partner camp.
- Volunteer to serve or speak at camp.
- Integrate camp themes into your student ministry teaching and discipleship.