

Third Thursday Notes

February 19, 2026 - 5 Things Every Youth Leader Needs, Part 1: The Anchor

What Anchors Everything That We Do As Youth Workers & Ministers?

Ben's Story & Your Story

- **Ben began by sharing some of his testimony about how he came to ministry**
Question: when was the last time you shared your testimony with someone? With a student?
- **Has God Ever Chased You Down?**
Question:
- **What Things Do You Collect To Do the Work of Ministry?**
 - Books, resources, games, activities, stories, experiences, ideas, questions.

The Anchor that Holds It All Together

- **JESUS is our Anchor, He is the Center of Everything We Do.**
- **We serve a diverse group of young people from all walks of life and every single one of them needs Jesus!**

The 5 Things Every Youth Leader Needs

- Know, cultivate, and use the skills, talents, and spiritual gifts that God has given you.
- As ministers to young people we are UNITED in Christ - working as a team!
- Live out the mission and core values
- Know that "Culture Trumps Everything"
- Above all – Pray First!

Resources:

- Alliance 40 Days of Prayer (<https://40days.cmalliance.org/>) It's never too late to start!
- Collect this resource: [Axis.org](https://axis.org/) (<https://axis.org/>)
- Collect this resource:
(<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/sharing-your-testimony/>)
- (Still) Buy this book: *Valley of Vision: a collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*

How does this affect *you*? How does this affect *your leaders*? How does this affect *your students*?