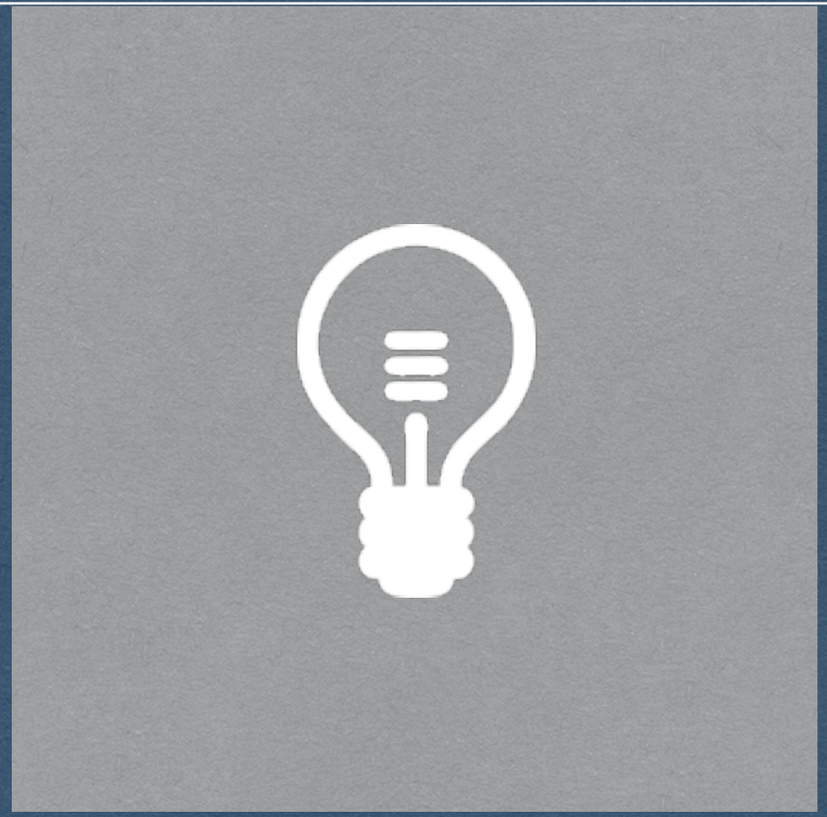
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4 PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR DEVELOPING YOUTH AS LEADERS

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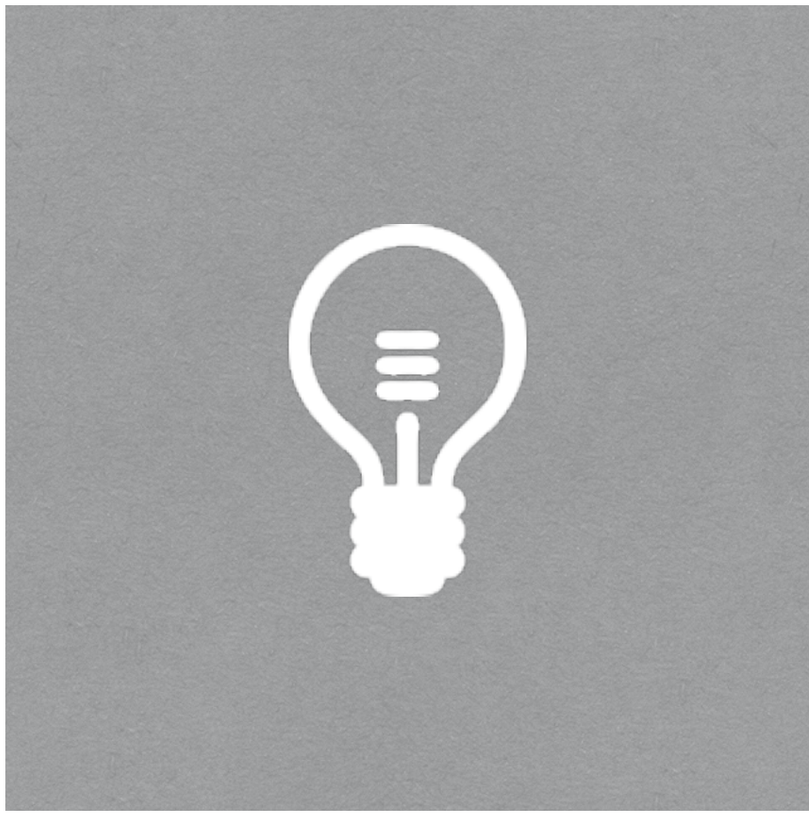
INTRODUCTION

When it comes to youth, they are truly not the leaders of the future – they are the leaders of today.

How can we impart a sense of destiny to these young ones, inspire and disciple them in faith, create a missional community with them, and equip them with a ministry skill set that will last them the rest of their lives?

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2. Make Mentors Available
3. Surround Them With Friends
4. Give Them Room To Grow



1ST IDEA - IDENTIFY THEIR GIFTS

Identify their gifts.

We often find what we're actually looking for, and we can identify unique ministry and life gifts in youth if our eyes and ears – and spirits – are attentive.

Sometimes, a gift is obvious in a young person. We see leadership (expressed positively or negatively), we see musical ability, we see intellectual strength in an area, we see a capacity to act compassionately, or we identify an ability to act pastorally among their peers.

Be attentive, and with parents involved, ask God to show you who each youth in your sphere of connection is – and who God is calling them to be.

2ND IDEA - MAKE MENTORS AVAILABLE

Make mentors available.

When possible, invite youth into situations where they are simply rubbing shoulders with the greatness in people that you would like to see rub off on them.

Story telling sessions with older, wise people in the faith, with musicians, with people who are walking strongly in their calling, can all inspire youth for a lifetime to walk into their own calling.

Intentionally create these scenarios, and specifically look for youth to connect with mentors who match with their unique gift mix. Then, be one of those mentors. Lay down your life to see them rise.

3RD IDEA - SURROUND THEM WITH FRIENDS

Surround them with friends.

The peer group in the teenage years holds tremendous sway in a youth's life. Create situations where they are having memorable, sacred experiences together.

Get them playing music in worship circles, caring for the poor, attending big events, serving others in the church and community.

Make their shared, joyful memories anchor points for them as they go through the turbulent years of the teens.

4TH IDEA - GIVE THEM ROOM TO GROW

Give them room to grow.

Put away the cookie cutter. Each child, and each generation, has a calling to embody the faith in their own, unique way.

Get behind at least a few of their crazy ideas, instead of always imposing ours on them. You may find that they are best equipped to discern fresh ways of impacting their world. If that scares you, get someone else, closer to their age, to help.

ACTION STEPS

> Try at least one idea for the next time you meet.

Never underestimate the power of your words, and the words of others, in envisioning the youth to be who they were designed to be.

Pray for them regularly, and get entire teams of intercessors focusing on the youth in your community.

Aim at them with love and a call to be like Jesus, get behind their unique passions, and push them out of the nest. It means everything to the next generation coming to know Christ.

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