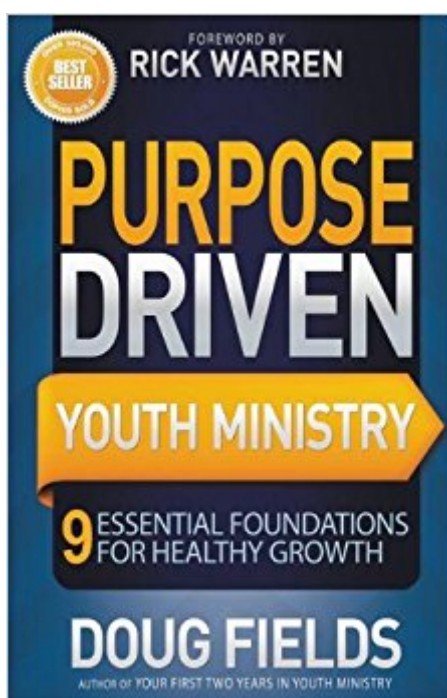


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# Purpose Driven Youth Ministry: 9 Essential Foundations For Healthy Growth (Youth Specialties (Paperback))



## Synopsis

For the past decade, youth pastors around the world have used the bestselling Purpose Driven Youth Ministry to help guide them as they build a healthy youth ministry that is aimed at impacting the lives of teenagers. Written by renowned youth ministry expert Doug Fields, this book is one that both lay and professional youth workers cannot afford to miss. Purpose Driven Youth Ministry doesn't present a program to be copied into any context. Rather, it presents foundational principles of youth ministry that help you develop the ministry that best meets the needs of the students in your unique setting. This classic will help you build a student ministry with purpose as well as provide examples and testimonies from youth workers around the globe. I believe PDYM will be the standard by which all youth ministry programs are judged for years to come. It is solid enough for the college or seminary classroom and practical enough for the novice.

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From the youth pastor of Saddleback Church--a revolutionary approach to building a self-sustaining youth ministry. What The Purpose-Driven Church has done for pastoral ministry, this book is about to do for youth ministry. Doug Fields, the youth pastor at Rick Warren's Saddleback Church, reveals the foundations for a powerful, Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry (PDYM). Youth leaders passionate about a ministry that fulfills the five scriptural purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship,

ministry, and worship will discover a proven, team approach that reduces burnout and incorporates the strengths of the church as a whole. What they won't get is another Six Easy Steps book. Says Fields, You will not find the PDYM to be a cookie-cutter approach promoting do it my way because there's only one way. Rather, it's a model that can be adapted to fit the unique needs, personality, and circumstances of any church. Developing a Purpose-Driven? Youth Ministry is a flexible and exhaustive approach to building a healthy, self-sustaining youth ministry based on nine components: Power of God Purpose Potential Audience Programs Process Planned Values Participating Leaders Parents Personnel Here in detail and depth is the theory behind effective youth ministry. And here is the application--the means for translating sound principles into practical action. From developing a purpose statement, to drafting a plan for spiritual growth, to the ins-and-outs of family involvement, to keeping the ministry focused, fresh, and vibrant, this volume meets virtually every concern of student leaders with up-to-date insights and seasoned, frontline advice. For almost twenty years, I've been living with the overwhelming responsibility to develop a youth ministry that equips students rather than a youth ministry that coordinates events, says Fields. I don't want to direct programs; I want to disciple students. This book captures the sweep of Fields' experience and vision. Destined to become a youth ministry classic, Developing a Purpose-Driven? Youth Ministry is an absolute must-have for today's youth minister. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Doug Fields, youth pastor at Saddleback Church, has been an instructor for Youth Specialties for ten years. The author of over 20 books, including Creative Dating and The One Minute Bible for Students, he lives in Trabuco Canyon, California --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I believe this program could be used by any church, any where, and be effective. The problem I have is you can buy all the books seperately, but I can NOT find just the video for the program. If had that available (on DVD) that would be the BOMB that would get 2 more stars from me! If your involved in YOUTH MINISTRY this book should be on your shelf. I found the side notes to personality types especially helpful!!

I've only been working with youths for a very short time and over the past couple of months...I've felt sort of hopeless as I lacked not only knowledge but the skills to help the youth department become better organized or well structured. Besides praying for guidance...I was also searching for a good source knowledge to help our short comings. From the moment I came in contact with this book I

was very much impressed and I've since ordered 4 copies. I now believe that we're on our way to a better youth and youth related ministry. I will definitely recommend a copy to all Senior and youth pastors, leaders, volunteers/ helpers...even parents can benefit from reading a copy of this book.

This book is an excellent source for any youth ministry leader, especially those just starting a ministry. I really enjoyed the concept of creating programs and ministries for the different audiences instead of attempting to have one program that fits all! Examples are given for every step of the process from creating your mission statement to putting together a full program for youth.

Doug Fields is the BEST!!!! He gives real advice, that you will be able to incorporate. He knows how frustrating it can be when you have the best intentions and things do not go as planned ... because they never will with teenagers. Accept it and don't give up. What a difference he has made!

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Though it's a bit dated now (there was an 'update' to it) the principles are undoubtedly tried and true. Though the things students are involved in and with these days are different - the fact is they are still people facing what all students face. Your mode may change- the message doesn't. The method may change but the principles don't. This is a great map for anyone interested in helping students follow Jesus or helping guide students to discover for themselves.

This is a resource you will use over and over again. I had to read it for school and I am not even in Youth Ministry but it will be in my resource tools. I loved it so much that I bought 2 copies for youth ministers at my church. It is easy to read with practical tips that you can actually implement. I am using some of them in my own ministry.

I have been floundering with our ministry for years with no training and no money to get it. This book outlined specifically what a youth ministry entails from start to finish. For the first time, I am super excited about the future of our ministry. I recommended the book to our leadership and I also recommend it to anyone who wants to work youth ministry.

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