

**FOUNDATIONS OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY**  
**PTh 210**  
**Course Outline**  
**Fall, 1999**

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***Required Texts:***

Borgman, D. (1997). *When kumbaya is not enough: A practical theology for youth ministry*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers.

DeVries, M. (1994). *Family-based youth ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Assigned Readings.

***Course Description and Objectives:***

This introductory course will explore the complex and dynamic foundations of ministry to youth and their families. Through assigned readings, class discussion, written assignment, and field observation, you will gain an understanding of the theological, developmental, and socio-cultural factors that inform and shape youth and family ministry. Special attention will be given to the theological underpinnings of culture, human development, family, and specific areas of youth culture, with a focus on the application of a family-based model of ministry.

***Course Schedule:***

<b>Class Dates:</b>	<b>Class Topics/Readings:</b>
Sept. 7	The Big Rocks: Character, Understanding, and Competency in Youth and Family Ministry
Sept. 9	What Will Come Out the End of the Tube?: A Framework for Understanding Youth and Family Ministry
Sept. 14	Looking Behind to Look Ahead: A History of Youth Ministry Readings: Ch. 1 <i>Family-Based Youth Ministry</i>
Sept. 16	A House Built on a Rock: Theology & YFM Readings: Ch. 1 <i>When Kumbaya Is Not Enough</i> Ch. 11 <i>Family-Based Youth Ministry</i>

- Sept. 21            Being Seen and Heard: Contextualizing Theology  
                         Readings:    Ch. 2 *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*
- Sept. 23            Diagnose Before You Prescribe: Exegesis and YFM  
                         Readings:    Ch. 3 *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*
- Sept. 28            That Was Then, This Is Now: Y2K Culture  
                         Readings:    Ch. 4 *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*  
                         Ch. 10 *Family-Based Youth Ministry*
- Sept. 30            Who Cares?: Culture's Effect on Adolescents and Families  
                         Readings:    Ch. 2 & 3 *Family-Based Youth Ministry*
- Oct. 5               Mind and Body: Developmental Frameworks of Youth Ministry  
                         Readings:    Ch. 5 *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*
- Oct. 7               Identity Is Everything: Developmental Frameworks of Youth Ministry  
                         Readings:    Ch. 5 *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*
- Oct. 12              Oh Ye of Little Faith: Developmental Frameworks of Youth Ministry  
                         Readings:    Ch. 5 *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*
- Oct. 14              Peers In a Pod: Developmental Frameworks of Youth Ministry  
                         Readings:    Ch. 6 *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough*
- Oct. 19              How Do We Respond?: Traditional Models of Youth Ministry  
                         Readings:    Assigned
- Oct. 21              How Might We Respond?: Emerging Models of Youth Ministry  
                         Readings:    Assigned
- Oct. 23              **Bustin' the Church: Jesus For A New Generation Conference**  
                         Where: College Drive Community Church, Lethbridge, AB.  
                         Who: Kevin Ford (Author) *Jesus For A New Generation*  
                         What: Understanding post-modernism and outreach  
                         Cost: \$35 (plus lunch) **Due Sept. 16**
- Oct. 26              **NO CLASS**
- Oct. 28              **NO CLASS**
- Nov. 2               As The Mobile Turns: A Focus on the Family  
                         Readings:    Ch. 4 & 5 *Family-Based Youth Ministry*
- Nov. 4               Inclusive Family Ministry: Christian and Non-Traditional Families  
                         Readings:    Ch. 6 & 7 *Family-Based Youth Ministry*

Nov. 9	The Tightrope: Extended Families vs. the Need for Independence Readings: Ch. 8 & 9 <i>Family-Based Youth Ministry</i>
Nov. 11	<b>NO CLASS</b> (Remembrance Day – Watch <i>Saving Private Ryan</i> )
Nov. 16	Theatres of the Mind: TV, Movies, and YFM Readings: Ch. 7 <i>When Kumbaya Is Not Enough</i>
Nov. 18	Killed Myself Laughing: Humour and YFM Reading: Ch. 8 <i>When Kumbaya Is Not Enough</i>
Nov. 23	It's Not Only Rock & Roll: Adolescent Music and YFM Readings: Ch. 9 <i>When Kumbaya Is Not Enough</i>
Nov. 25	I Can't Get No Satisfaction: Sexuality and YFM Readings: Ch. 10 <i>When Kumbaya Is Not Enough</i>
Nov. 30	What We Do = Who We Are: Christ-like Character and Discipline Readings: Assigned
Dec. 2	Called or Cursed to YFM: Mistaking God's Voice for Your Own Readings: Assigned

**Course Requirements:**

<b>Due:</b>	<b>Assignments:</b>	<b>Grade Weight:</b>
Oct. 4	Personal/Biblical/Cultural Exegesis	15%
Oct. 18	Adolescents and Faith: Interview	20%
Nov. 1	Postmodernism Reflection	15%
Nov. 22	Family Health Survey	25%
Dec. Exam Period	Comprehensive Exam	25%

**Course Guidelines:**

- 1) Attendance at class is expected from each student. After three (3) unexcused absences (per term), the instructor reserves the right to ask a student to withdraw from the class.
- 2) The written assignments are due on the dates specified. Extensions will only be granted upon request of the student at least two (2) weeks prior to the due date. In the case of illness or other extenuating circumstances, exceptions will be made.

3) Exams must be taken at the times specified. The student must inform the instructor immediately if there is a problem with taking a test on a certain date.

**Grade Structure:**

Percentage:	Letter Grade:	Grade Point Weight:
96-100	A+	4.0
91-95	A	4.0
86-90	A-	3.7
82-85	B+	3.3
75-81	B	3.0
72-74	B-	2.7
68-71	C+	2.3
63-67	C	2.0
60-62	C-	1.7
56-59	D+	1.3
50-55	D	1.0
0-49	F	

**On Reserve:**

Barna, G. (1995). *Generation next: What you need to know about today's youth*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.

Dunn, R. R., & Senter, M. H. (Eds.) (1997). *Reaching a generation for Christ*. Chicago, IL: Moody Press.

Fields, D. (1997). *Purpose driven youth ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Ford, K.G. (1995). *Jesus for a new generation*. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Long, J. (1997). *Generating hope*. Downer's Grove, IL; InterVarsity Press.

Ratcliff, D., & Davies, J. A. (Eds.) (1991). *Handbook of youth ministry*. Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press.

Robbins, D. (1990). *The ministry of nurture: How to build real-life faith into your kids*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Shelton, C. (1989). *Adolescent spirituality: Pastoral ministry for high school and college youth*. New York, NY: Crossroad Publishing Company.

Various. (1998). *New directions for youth ministry*. Loveland, CO: Group.