

SURVEY

Why do you enjoy coming to Youth Group?

- The **friends** you make and the environment
- I enjoy coming to youth group for many reasons, the **people** there help me a lot. they are all really friendly, encouraging, and bring me closer to **God**, and they help me through trials i have. youth group has changed my life.
- Seeing my **friends**
- It feels better to praise the lord with my **peers**.
- I enjoy coming because of how we always hang out and worship and going out of city or state whatever like a fun field trip! I also love hanging out pastor Johnny and the **others** when I wanna have a chat and talk about something and make them laugh
- To grow and build a better relationship with **God** and **Jesus**.
- Because I enjoy seeing my **friends** and going to Dairy Queen, and because I need to see **people** other than school friends. And I love worship and taking notes on the lesson.
- To learn about **God** and hang with **friends** tbh
- most of the time
- I like being able to interact with **people** close to my age while also learning more about **God** and **Jesus**.
- I get to grow closer to **God**, and get to have fun
- I learn a lot about **Christ** and the **people** are fun and it makes my week so much better

Bottom line: Connecting with both God and others is crucial for teenagers.

How are the adults who serve in youth ministry @C1NAZ making a difference in your life?

- By **being there** when you need them
- They have changed my life completely, they are very **welcoming** when you first meet them and will always **listen**. i look up to them, and i am so thankful for them, they have really impacted my life.
- By actually **caring** about my well-being
- They have helped me grow in my faith and are **always there** for me.
- The word of god and story about there life when they're being saved
- They are **encouraging** and helping me be a better Christian.
- Their **pouring in** to me and trying their best.
- They give me a **safe space** to talk when something's going wrong and some of them make me laugh.
- **Motivating!**
- The adults in the youth ministry are all very **kind** and **patient**. They answer whatever questions I ask and they have helped me learn a lot more that helped me grow my faith. They are having a **positive** influence on how I view myself as well as other people.
- Helping me grow closer to God and being around people that I **trust** and feel **safe** with
- They **show** me how i should act as a teenager and they help me when i am feeling stressed

Bottom line: The way you make a difference in a teen's life is by loving them.

If you could give any piece of advice to other youth pastors and youth workers on the district, what would you tell them?

- I'm not sure
- Be overly welcoming to new people and inviting them to things and listen to us
- Be patient and be persistent when working with kids.
- Make sure to have a good connection with the youth group.
- Don't be at the dark of evil, come to the bright side of good with God and Jesus
- Keep going God will give you wisdom and be yourself.
- Work hard and try your best.
- When the teens have attitude with you don't take it personally. A lot of times it's because they feel safe with you so they take stuff out on you
- Keep it real 🙌
- The only piece of advice I would give them is to keep close watch over the kids since teenagers and pre-teens are in the middle age where they're figuring themselves out. Help them to not be influenced by others and obsess over their appearance.
- **To be more like Johnny because he is awesome** 😂
- I would tell them that they need to check on all of the kids every once in a while and just talk to them one on one

Bottom line: Each teen is unique, but God is big enough to help you love each of them in unique ways.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

– Galatians 6:9 –