

ROOTED

Experiencing the Strength
of Contemplative Ministry



Leadership Series Event
Sat, April 27, 2019

Breakout Session: Youth Ministry

CONTEMPLATION MEANS...

"...being' with God within the reality of the present moment. Contemplation is about presence. It's about attentiveness - opening our eyes to God, ourselves, and others. Contemplation is an attitude of the heart, an all-embracing hospitality to what is. Contemplation is a natural human disposition. It's the way in which we approach the world as children: vulnerable, open, and awake to the newness of the present moment." - Mark Yaconelli

"...seeing God in all things." - Ignatius of Loyola

"...the pure loving gaze that finds God everywhere." - Brother Lawrence

"...the sacrament of the present moment." - Jean Pierre de Causade

"...awareness absorbed and amazed." - Teresa of Avila

"...a long loving look at the real." - Walter Burghardt

"...spiritual wonder, the experience of Christian belief." - Thomas Merton

RESOURCES

Contemplative Youth Ministry Overview

<http://bit.ly/contemplativeyouth>

YouthFront Prayer App

<https://youthfront.com/midday-prayer-app/>

Age-Appropriate Contemplative Approach

<https://www.seasonsonline.ca>

Lectio Divina

<https://dowym.com/resources/lectio-divina/>

Leading Young People Through Lectio Divina

<http://bit.ly/lectio1>

Quiet Down: Lectio Divina in Youth Ministry

<http://bit.ly/lectio2>

Text questions for the final session to 913-214-2978

Contemplative Youth Ministry is "practicing the presence of Jesus with our students." But...we don't know how to be with kids, ourselves, or God, and we are rooted in and lead from a place of anxiety rather than contemplation.

ANXIETY...	LOVE...
<p>...seeks control. How do I make kids into Christians?</p>	<p>...seeks contemplation. How can I be present to kids and to God?</p>
<p>...seeks professionals. Who is the expert that can solve the youth problem?</p>	<p>...seeks processes. What can we do together to uncover Jesus' way of life?</p>
<p>...wants products What book, video, or curriculum will teach kids about faith?</p>	<p>...desires presence. Who will bear the life of God among teenagers?</p>
<p>...lifts up gurus. Who has the charisma to draw kids?</p>	<p>...relies on guides. Who has the gifts for living alongside kids?</p>
<p>...rests in results. How many kids have committed to the faith?</p>	<p>...rests in relationships. Who are the kids we've befriended?</p>
<p>...seeks conformity. Are the youth meeting our expectations?</p>	<p>...brings out creativity. In what fresh way is God challenging us through our kids?</p>
<p>...wants activity. What will keep the kids busy?</p>	<p>...brings awareness. What are the real needs of the youth?</p>
<p>...seeks answers. Here's what we think. Here's who God is.</p>	<p>...seeks questions. What do you think? Or, as Jesus said, "Who do you say that I am?"</p>