



The Importance of Theology

in youth ministry (or any ministry in a church)

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* This is not a "how to" time together as much as it will be a "how come?" one. This will be more of a time of thinking together and looking at the importance of theology not as an academic practice for knowledge, but as a way of life.

The Subtle Trap

...we all fall into to some degree or another.

Phase 1: Rethinking Methodology: Changing Ministry Methods as Culture Changes

Phase 2: Rethinking Youth Ministry: Realizing Youth Ministry is not in isolation and culture and theology is beyond an age group

Phase 3: Rethinking Ecclesiology (the church)

Phase 4: Rethinking Theology (without losing truth)

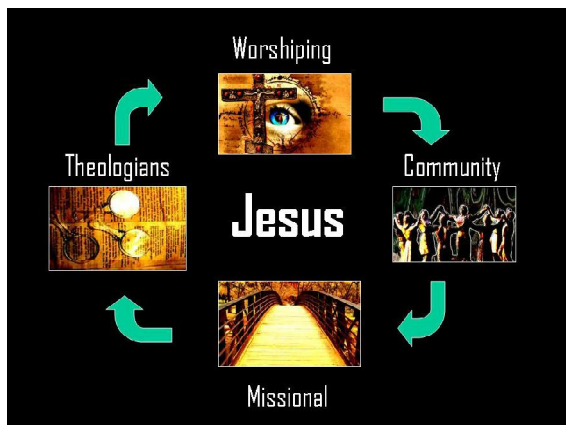
Phase 5: Being the Church (instead of going to church)

Why theology in youth ministry is so critically important:

What is "theology"?

The youth leader as theologian and why this is so important:

Becoming a "worshiping community of missional theologians"



The pendulum and balance of ORTHOPRAXY and ORTHODOXY:

Developing a culture of youth theologians and thinking longer-term:

Remembering learning styles for teaching and modeling theology:

Theological questions in today's culture that we will likely encounter in youth ministry:

*Never underestimate the theology that is developing in the minds of youth

- The Bible in our emerging culture

- Human sexuality in our emerging culture

- Pluralism in our emerging culture

- Others:

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

- Romans 12:2

