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**Why Student
Ministry
Matters**

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- A look into why we do what we do
- An understanding of why we are committed to a few essential things at our church and doing them well
- A realization that simplicity helps us keep the main thing the main thing while complexity often leads us away from the main thing
- Last 2 weeks:
 - *Why the Gospel Matters*
 - *Why Biblical Community Matters*

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Essential Elements of ALL our Ministries

- 1. The gospel is at the core of everything we do (1 Cor 15 – of first importance!)**
 - **Common ground... Sinners in need of grace living on borrowed righteousness**
 - **What Jesus has done for us is always relevant when we do any kind of ministry**
 - **The gospel reminds us that love compels us, not guilt, duty, shame, ambition or anything else (2 Cor 5:14)**
 - **The gospel pushes us to create an environment of hospitality**
 - **The gospel is the power of God for salvation to all who believe (Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 1:18)**

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Essential Elements of ALL our Ministries

- 1. The gospel is at the core of everything we do**
- 2. Faithfulness to Jesus' mission for the church to make disciples (Matt 28)**
 - **Baptizing them**
 - **Teaching them to obey *everything***
 - **We need to make sure that our ministries and efforts as the church are directly related to our obedience to the mission**

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- 2. Faithfulness to Jesus' mission for the church to make disciples (Matt 28)**
- 3. Discipleship (mature believers) is our goal**
 - **Evidence...**
 - Love for God (obedience)
 - Love Others (fulfilling "one another's")
 - **3D Discipleship... A journey to engage in**
 - 1. Discover Jesus**
 - 2. Demonstrate his life**
 - 3. Duplicate your faith**

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- 1. Passing on faith to the next generation is of great importance**
 - **The Biblical pattern for passing on faith:**
 - 1. Primary: Home (Deut 6)**
 - 2. Secondary: Community of Faith**
 - **IMPORTANT: other people (i.e. the church - Youth/Children's Ministry) are NOT primarily responsible for discipling your children... YOU ARE!**
 - **Our role is to come along side you as your community of faith to help you disciple your children**
 - **Our role becomes primary for those students without Christian parents**

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- 1. Passing on faith to the next generation is of great importance**
- 2. Nearly 80% of believers were born again before age 21**
 - Students are generally very open to the gospel message**
 - You are more likely to resist more when you are older and more burdened and have more trinkets**
 - There are so many students who need Jesus in our community**

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- 2. Nearly 80% of believers were born again before age 21**
- 3. Making disciples is our business**
 - We strive to create an environment where spiritual growth can happen (3Ds)**
 - 1 Cor 3 – our job is to plant seeds and water plants. God makes them grow!**
 - Discipleship is relational**
 - 1. Push students towards Jesus**
 - 2. Pray with and for them**
 - 3. Walk with them – Do life with them!**

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Why Student Ministry Matters to YOU

- 1. You are part of a community of faith dedicated to obeying our mandate**
- 2. You are called to be actively involved in making disciples**
- 3. How can you participate?**
 - **Encourage/thank you**
 - **Sponsor teens who cant afford to participate in certain events**
 - **Pray**
 - **Have students in your home! (hospitality)**
 - **Mentor a student**
 - **Volunteer to serve**



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