

July 27th

Summer Series: Why This Matters

- 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

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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- 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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- 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

Why Student Ministry Matters

- 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 <u>primarily</u> 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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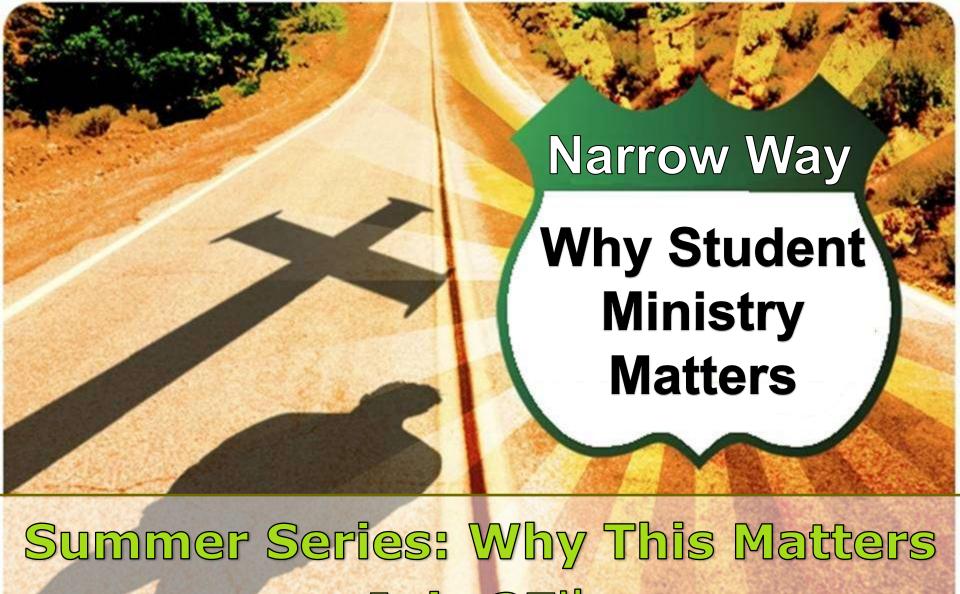
- 1. Passing on faith to the next generation is of great importance
- 2. Nearly 80% of believers were born again before age 21
 - Students are generally very open to the gospel message
 - You are more likely to resist more when you are older and more burdened and have more trinkets
 - There are so many 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!

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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