



YOUTH GROUP PRAYER GUIDE

MONDAY: SPEAKER

- Pray that God would help JB as he prepares to share God's word.
- Pray that God's truth would comfort, challenge, and convict everyone attending.

TUESDAY: STUDENTS

- Pray for each student in your youth group by name and their specific needs.
- Pray that God would open students' hearts and minds to hear the Gospel and surrender their lives to Jesus.
- Pray for other youth groups from across New England that will attend YEC.

WEDNESDAY: STAFF & BAND

- Pray for Mike Hong and those who will be leading worship, and the audio and tech people.
- Pray for the staff who are preparing for and organizing YEC.

THURSDAY: CHAPERONES

- Pray for God to prepare them spiritually, sustain them through the weekend, and work through them to set an example, lead, serve, and minister to students.

FRIDAY: HOTEL STAFF & LOGISTICS

- Pray for the Sturbridge Host Hotel staff as they work through the weekend, and that YEC groups would be a good witness for Christ.
- Pray for protection from illness or injury for all attending YEC.
- Pray for safe travels to and from the hotel for all groups.

**"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THIS GOOD NEWS ABOUT CHRIST.
IT IS THE POWER OF GOD AT WORK, SAVING EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES" -ROMANS 1:16**

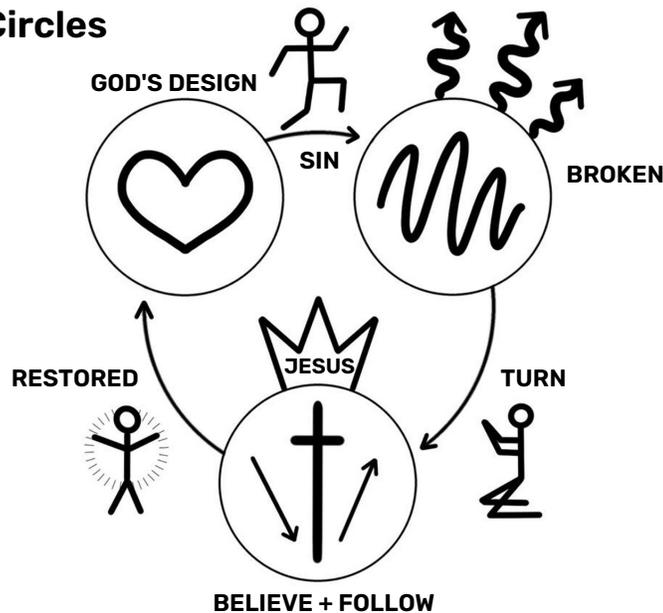
PREPARING FOR YEC - THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Use the prayer guide on your own and together with your youth group before YEC.
- Use the YEC weekend to totally unplug (no phones) and put your focus on Jesus and what He wants to say to YOU personally!
- If you have a personal Bible, BRING IT! If you don't have one, Speak to your Youth Leader so they can help you locate one to bring with you.
- Think about first-timers who may be attending with your group.
 - What would they think or what questions might they have about the things they see at YEC? Like people raising their hands during worship, looking for a Bible verse, praying out loud...
 - Consider how you can help a first-timer feel more comfortable and welcome in your church group and the larger YEC community.
- Think about how you might explain the story of Scripture and message of Jesus to a friend who has questions or needs clarification on what they're hearing.
- Here are two different ways to walk someone through the basic story of the Bible and the Gospel (Good News of Jesus).

METHOD 1:

- **Creation**
 - God created everything we see: the heavens and earth, animals, and humans. Adam & Eve lived in perfect relationship with God and each other. God gave them everything they needed. Everything God created was good.
- **Fall**
 - Adam & Eve were tempted by the serpent (the devil) and chose to rebel against God (sinned) which brought death and evil into the world and broke our relationship with God. Every human therefore is born with a sinful heart and continually chooses to do evil, and is guilty before God, deserving death. We need to be rescued and saved from sin and death!
- **Rescue**
 - God loves us so much that He sent His son Jesus to earth. Jesus lived a perfect sinless life and died on a cross for our sins, in our place. He rose from the dead and defeated death so that anyone who believes in Him could receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life. Only through Jesus can we be rescued and have a relationship with God again!
- **Restoration**
 - God has promised to renew the whole world one day, when He will come back to earth and make all things new. As we wait for His return, we live in full surrender to Him, trusting that He knows what's best for us and working to tell others about how much Jesus loves them!

METHOD 2: The Three Circles



God's Plan (Design):

We see beauty, purpose and evidence of design around us. The Bible tells us that God originally planned a world that worked perfectly. —where everything and everyone fit tighter in harmony. God made each of us with a purpose — to worship Him and walk with Him. (Genesis 1:31; Psalm 19:1)

Sin:

Life doesn't work when we ignore God and His original design for our lives. We selfishly insist on doing things our own way. The Bible calls this sin. We all sin and distort the original design. The consequence of our sin is separation from God—in this life and for all of eternity. (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23a)

Broken:

Sin leads to a place of brokenness. We see this all around us and in our own lives as well. When we realize LIFE is not working we begin to look for a way out. We tend to go in many directions trying different things to figure it out on our own. Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for something greater. (Romans 1:25; Proverbs 14:12)

Gospel (Jesus): Gospel:

At this point we need a remedy—some good news. Because of His love, God did not leave us in our brokenness. Jesus, God in human flesh, came to us and lived perfectly, according to God's design. Jesus came to rescue us—to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. He took our sin and shame to the cross, paying the penalty of our sin by His death. Jesus was then raised from the dead—to provide the only way for us to be rescued and restored to a relationship with God. (John 3:16a; Colossians 2:14)

Turn (Repent and Believe):

Simply hearing this Good News is not enough. We must admit our sinful brokenness and stop trusting in ourselves. We don't have the power to escape this brokenness on our own. We need to be rescued. We must ask God to forgive us—turning from sin to trust only in Jesus. This is what it means to repent and believe. Believing, we received new life through Jesus and God turns our lives in a new direction. (Mark 1:15b; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9)

Restored (Recover and Pursue):

When God restores our relationship to Him, we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world. Now we can pursue God's Design in all areas of our lives. Even when we fall, we understand God's pathway to be restored—this same Good News of Jesus. God's Spirit empowers us to pursue His Design and assures us of His presence in this life and for all eternity. (Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 2:10)

Response:

Give a time for response: (Romans 10:13) "My life is broken—I recognize it's because of my sin. I need you. I believe Jesus came to live, die and was raised from the dead—to rescue me from my sin. Forgive me. I turn from my selfish ways and put my trust in You. I know that Jesus is Lord of all and I will follow Him.