

# Refuge Youth Ministry Foundation



Refuge Youth Ministry is a **Community** that builds **Personal Relationships With Jesus** so that we can **Serve** and **Teach Others** to know Him too.

## Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since **we** have been made right in God's sight **by faith**, **we** have peace with God because of what **Jesus Christ** our Lord has done for **us**. **Because of our faith**, Christ has brought **us** into this place of undeserved privilege where **we** now stand, and **we** confidently and joyfully **look forward** to **sharing** God's glory.

# Refuge Youth Ministry Goal



Our Goal is reflected off our Foundation:

Connect (Heb. 10:24-25)

Grow (Col. 1:9-14)

Serve (Matt. 5:16)

Go (Matt. 28:19-20)

# Refuge Youth Ministry Lens



This facet of our ministry philosophy is to provide a filter through which we can determine our success or failure in reaching our goal. We recognize that the way we determine achievement of a goal changes as we grow and mature. Thus, our aim is to map out the progression in spiritual development we hope occurs for students during their time in youth group.

At different stages, a student has a certain attitude about the youth group based on their maturity level. For each attitude, we have given a corresponding question a student might ask in reference to their involvement with a group or event.

	<b>Attitude</b>	<b>Question</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>What this group gives me</i>	Who else is going?
<b>9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<i>How this group grows me</i>	How can I make sure I am there?
<b>11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<i>How I grow this group Or What I give this group</i>	Who else can I make sure is there?

Using this lens, we believe we will better evaluate a student's spiritual development in areas of Community, Growth, Service, and Outreach.

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## Seeing the Goal through the Lens



Here, we combine the goal with the lens. In other words, if we expect students to be asking different questions as they move through the youth group then we should consequently understand that words like *Community* or *Outreach* will continuously take on new meaning as they grow, too.

	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade ( <b>Do it.</b> Learning the practice)	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grade ( <b>Want To Do It.</b> Asking why. Checking motives. Character development.)	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade ( <b>Want To Help Others Do It.</b> Removal of self. Becoming so filled up that you must pour out. Recognizing influence.)
<b>Connect</b>	<b>Being Present.</b> Allowing ourselves to try something new. Being vulnerable to connect with others.	<b>Priority.</b> Choosing this over that. <b>Participation.</b> Engaging and being fully present. With disciplines, learning to open up to God.	<b>Purpose.</b> Knowing we are being looked to in every word and action. Using our influence to build relationships.
<b>Grow</b>	Recognizing the cornerstone of faith. Allowing others to guide our spiritual walk.	Taking our faith seriously and developing habits that will help us gain knowledge and understanding	Using opportunities to walk along side of other believers, ask tough questions, and sparking growth in each other.

<p>Serve</p>	<p>... those like us. Stay inside our comfort zone, but still learning to invest in someone else.</p>	<p>Realizing we can be the hands and feet of God. Understanding that it is good for me to get uncomfortable.</p>	<p>... because we love that person and we want them to know the love of Jesus. It might mean serving someone very different. It's also recognizing that we are setting an example for others to follow.</p>
<p>Go</p>	<p>We talk to our Christian friends about Jesus. We are safe knowing that there is little risk.</p>	<p>Expanding the circle and inviting friends to church and to have a relationship with Jesus. Starting to put our faith out there.</p>	<p>Reaching the lost no matter the cost. No longer being comfortable with the "someone else will do it" mentality. Knowing that your words and actions can inspire others to bring people to Christ.</p>