

B.C.C. YOUTH WORK END OF YEAR REPORT 2006/2007

Introduction

The work of God in the Youth always follows the work of God in the Church and this year has been a time of 'MORE'; more of the power and intimacy of the Holy Spirit in our meetings, more young people being saved, more attending Tuesday nights, more speaking in tongues, more healings, more activating their gifts and a ministry that is numerically the biggest it has ever been. It has been a delight to see thirsty, hungry young people encounter 'MORE' of the Holy Spirit in their lives and to see an explosion of prophetic life, spiritual gifts and a passion for the lost.

Assessment

The vision of ENERGY is linked to the 'One Good Loaf' vision of the Church and it is outworked by working our way up each step of commitment of the Spiritual Growth Ladder. Attached to this is an assessment of the 'BREAD' vision. It highlights much of what God has achieved in the last year and shows the areas that we will be looking to develop in 2007/2008. These are not set in stone; they simply provide some direction and vision for the year ahead. Whatever happens we must be led by the Spirit of God.

Next Year

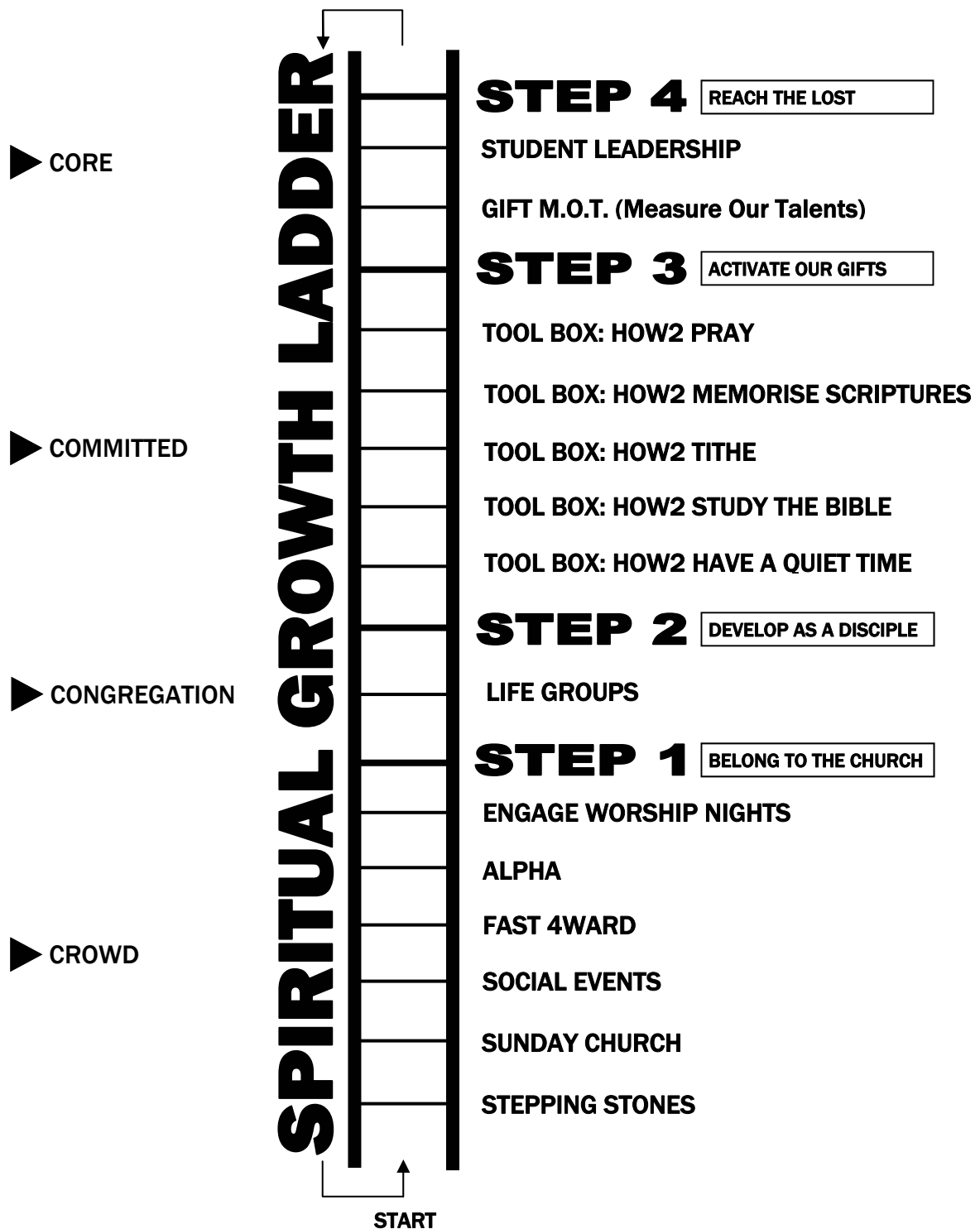
God has been speaking to me from 1 Corinthians 16:8-9 (NLT):

"In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost, for there is a wide-open door for a great work here, and many people are responding. But there are many who oppose me."

I believe that the next year offers fresh, new doors of opportunity for ministry that will truly bear much fruit. We are not to sit and expect these doors to just 'swing open', instead we must aggressively pursue this promise through prayer, prophecy and Spirit-led action until we see it translated into reality. Clearly, this will attract opposition but I keep hearing the words 'VICTORY' in my Spirit and I am reassured that wherever we go, the battle belongs to the Lord and His people.

James Hennah / August 2007

ps. we offer a monthly Youth Prayer Letter – if you would like to support us, please sign up with Jill Perry. Thanks.



THE BCC YOUTH WILL:

- B** - BELONG to the Church (*FELLOWSHIP: Ephesians 2:19*)
- R** - REACH the Lost (*EVANGELISM: Matthew 28:18-20*)
- E** - ENGAGE with God (*WORSHIP: Matthew 22:37, Romans 12:1*)
- A** - ACTIVATE our Gifts (*MINISTRY: Romans 12:4-8, James 1:17*)
- D** - DEVELOP as Disciples (*DISCIPLESHIP: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25*)

MISSION: '500 young people in 5 years'

	VISION	2006/2007	2007/2008	COMMENTS
BELONG TO CHURCH (FELLOWSHIP)	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 y/p completed STEP1 in Oct06. 4 LIFE groups have run for 10 sessions, led by 7 leaders, with 26 committed y/p (ie have done STEP1) Content: Peer-led/Group led sessions, as well as a 4-part series on Lord's Prayer written by 7 Youth. 6 y/p baptised (Feb07) and The Big Finish: (July07) a 'farewell service' for those leaving ENERGY. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate the new Year 7s and any new Christians into LIFE Groups. Review of LIFE Groups as numbers are increasing and space in homes is limited. Support and direction for Year 13s over the year as they leave in 08. 	<i>LIFE Groups continue to be very effective, providing a smaller group setting for pastoral care, accountability and spiritual growth. They are popular with the Youth who value this supportive and challenging environment.</i>
REACH THE LOST (EVANGELISM)	R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paintballing (Oct06): 18 Y/P (10 Guests, dozens of bruises, no fatalities) Youth Service (Nov06): c25 Y/P involved, 1 saved Christmas Quiz (Dec06): 45 Y/P (18 Guests) Christmas Unwrapped: 44 Y/P (11 Guests, 2 saved) Games Night (March07): 34 Y/P (13 Guests) Ignited Weekend (Jan07): 35 Y/P, 1 Saved Thorpe Park (July07):42 Y/P (16 Guests + 4 Year 6s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide relevant, life-filled events aimed at reaching out to non-Christians, Have some fun together! This is a vital part of building relationships and helping them Belong to the Church (see above). Opportunities to share, preach etc 	<i>This year we have seen about 10 young people become Christians, although not all of them join ENERGY. Dozens more come along to the different events and are exposed to the Gospel. There is a growing heart for mission amongst the young people.</i>
ENGAGE WITH GOD (WORSHIP)	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very high attendance from Young People on Sundays Youth Band set up by Nathan Brown. They have played at a number of events already and are meeting regularly to practice. More y/p involved in playing in adult worship team, attending practices and ministering on Sundays. 'MORE' Meetings gave us times of open worship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the Youth Band develop and see how it will continue after Year 13s leave. Cultivate more of a worshipping heart in the Youth. Offer more opportunities for worship in LIFE Groups. 	<i>After many years of waiting, the Youth Band has finally become a reality and is driven by a vision from the young people themselves. It is exciting to see how much they have developed and already God is using them powerfully.</i>
ACTIVATE OUR GIFTS (MINISTRY)	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct Dance/Acting/Street Dance: performances at Bristol Christian Youth Rally, Youth Service, Quiz Night, Christmas Unwrapped, Crossways Festival, Thorpe Park and in the Move at Faith Camp. Youth Worship Band: 7 Y/P played at Ignited, Christmas Unwrapped, Overflow Evening and Sunday morning Guest Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop Direct Dance/ Direct Acting and Street Dance. More opportunities for Youth Band to minister. Give opportunity for ENERGY to take the lead in shaping a term's programme. 	<i>Street Dance has been a superb example of the young people activating their gifts and delivering impressive results. It is noticeable that more of the Youth are understanding 'every member ministry' and leading/contributing.</i>
DEVELOP AS DISCIPLES	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guys/Girls of God Event (Oct06): 31 Y/P involved Fast 4Ward Course (Jan/Feb07): 18 Y/P STEP UP (Oct06): STEP1 (6Y/P led by 3 Youth), STEP2 (6Y/P led by 3 Youth, STEP3 (3Y/P), HOW2 CLINIC (8Y/P led by 3 Youth). 11 'MORE' Meetings (April-July07): c30 Y/P each week for worship, teaching and ministry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to offer the new Fast 4Ward Course, a 4-part series for new Believers designed to cover the basics of the Christian faith. Run STEP 1, 2 & 3 Courses and offer our first ever STEP 4 Course (REACH THE LOST). 	<i>This year we have seen more young people with a Church background come along to ENERGY. They have been filled with the life of the Holy Spirit and born again properly. God is using us to meet their spiritual hunger, an essential part of BCC's vision.</i>