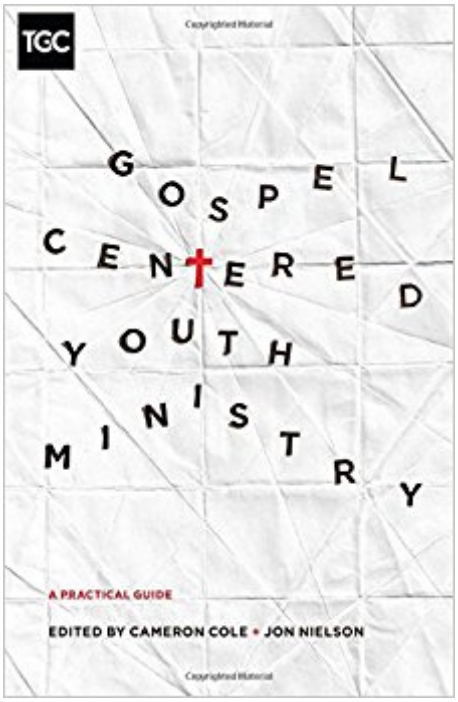
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Youth ministry is an essential part of most evangelical churches. And yet, there is a surprising lack of resources written specifically for youth workers focused on viewing all aspects of youth ministry through a gospel-focused lens. Featuring contributions from a host of experienced youth workers from a wide variety of churches, this how-to manual offers guidance related to every facet of youth ministry, from planning short-term mission trips to working with parents. Theologically rooted yet eminently practical, this handbook will equip youth leaders to effectively shepherd the young people under their careÃ¢â ¬â •training them to live faithfully in their homes, churches, and schools.

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commendable resource for youth pastors, volunteers, students in training, and search teams looking for a youth pastor.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Jay S. Thomas, Lead Pastor, Chapel Hill Bible Church, Chapel Hill, North CarolinaÃ¢â ¬Å“We see the lamentable statistics about younger people walking away from the church, despite every attempt over the last couple of generations either to turn up the cool factor or to fight the culture warsÃ¢â ¬â •or both. The contributors point to a better way. They have tested his gospel-centered approach and honed and refined it along the way. This book is not only a wake-up call, it is a practical guide for ministry to our younger brothers and sisters. IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll be recommending this book far and wide.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Michael Horton, J. Gresham Machen Professor of Systematic Theology, Westminster Seminary California; author,Ã Â Core Christianity: Finding Yourself in God's StoryÃ¢â ¬Å“You are holding a very helpful, straight-to-the-point examination of the fundamental how-toÃ¢â ¬â„¢s in youth ministry. Covered here are the key areas of successful Christian youth leadership. Broad in scope but sharp in focus, this book will clearly help anyone who strives to have a ministry built on gold rather than straw.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Ken Moser, Assistant Professor of Youth Ministry, Briercrest College and Seminary; author, Changing the World through Effective Youth MinistryÃ¢â ¬Å“The contributors to this volume have reflected deeply on the nature and power of the gospel. Drawing from their years of experience, they have given us theologically rich and practical reflections on youth ministry that aim to exalt Christ, strengthen the whole church, and equip teenagers for ministry.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Mary Willson , Associate Director of WomenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Initiatives, The Gospel CoalitionÃ Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“Gospel-centered youth ministry is the need of the hour. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s rare to find a book that brings together expertise on everything from evangelism to small groups, from mission trips to social justice, but Cameron Cole and Jon Nielson have given us the perfect primer. IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m grateful for this book and look forward to putting it in front of my students!Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Alvin L. Reid, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; author, As You Go: Creating a Missional Culture of Gospel-Centered StudentsÃ¢â ¬Å“Here are 14 chapters written by 14 practitioners each with his or her own personality, writing style, and insight. Yet there is one focusÃ¢â ¬â •Jesus. For these writers, youth ministry is not only about teaching the teachings of Jesus, although that is important. Youth ministry is about making disciplesÃ¢â ¬â •life-long learners personally following and growing in Jesus. These chapters are heart-felt and teen sensitive, with a profound respect for the gospel. That, plus a lot of practical insight make this a book worth having in your youth ministry library.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Terry Dittmer, National Director of Youth Ministry for the Lutheran Church Missouri SynodÃ¢â ¬Å“Gospel-Centered Youth Ministry is a substantial step in the right direction

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Good book and great reminder that youth ministry isn't all about entertainment. It's good to have fun but what kids need more than anything is the gospel!

This was an amazing read and offered a great deal of information about working in a youth group. I am currently a 6th grade small group leader and this book gave me many good ideas that I will be using in the future. The book speaks about all aspects of youth ministry from writing a sermon to connecting with parents. The authors also include real life examples of things they have done or seen in youth ministry. Anyone who volunteers with youth should read this book.

As a youth pastor, I love this book and the message it presents!

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