

Live the Difference

Christian Education Workshop
A Casowasco Center for Excellence in Leadership Event

Define our Purpose

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Disclaimer

This session *is NOT* meant to:

- the answer
- always right
- theologically profound
- deep
- the final thoughts on any issue

This session *IS* meant to:

- provoke thought
- inspire dialogue
- challenge the status quo
- bring Glory to God




From the time a child is born
until they graduate from high school,




You'll have *940* weekends with them



If your child is in kindergarten
you have **636** left



If your child is in 3rd grade
you have 468 left.



If your child is in 5th grade
you have 364 left.



If your child is in 9th grade
you have **208** left.



If your child is in 12th grade

you already know

how many you have left



It
happens
fast!



3 Core Truths

that every child should know

by the time they leave 5th grade:



I can trust God no matter what.

I need to make the wise choice.

I should treat others
the way I want to be treated.



How can we do that?

By showing kids:

That the bible is the source
of wisdom and truth.

How what they learn
applies to their daily lives.

That relationships with small group
leaders and friends matter.

The ultimate Role Model


Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew

in wisdom and stature,

And in favor

With God and man.

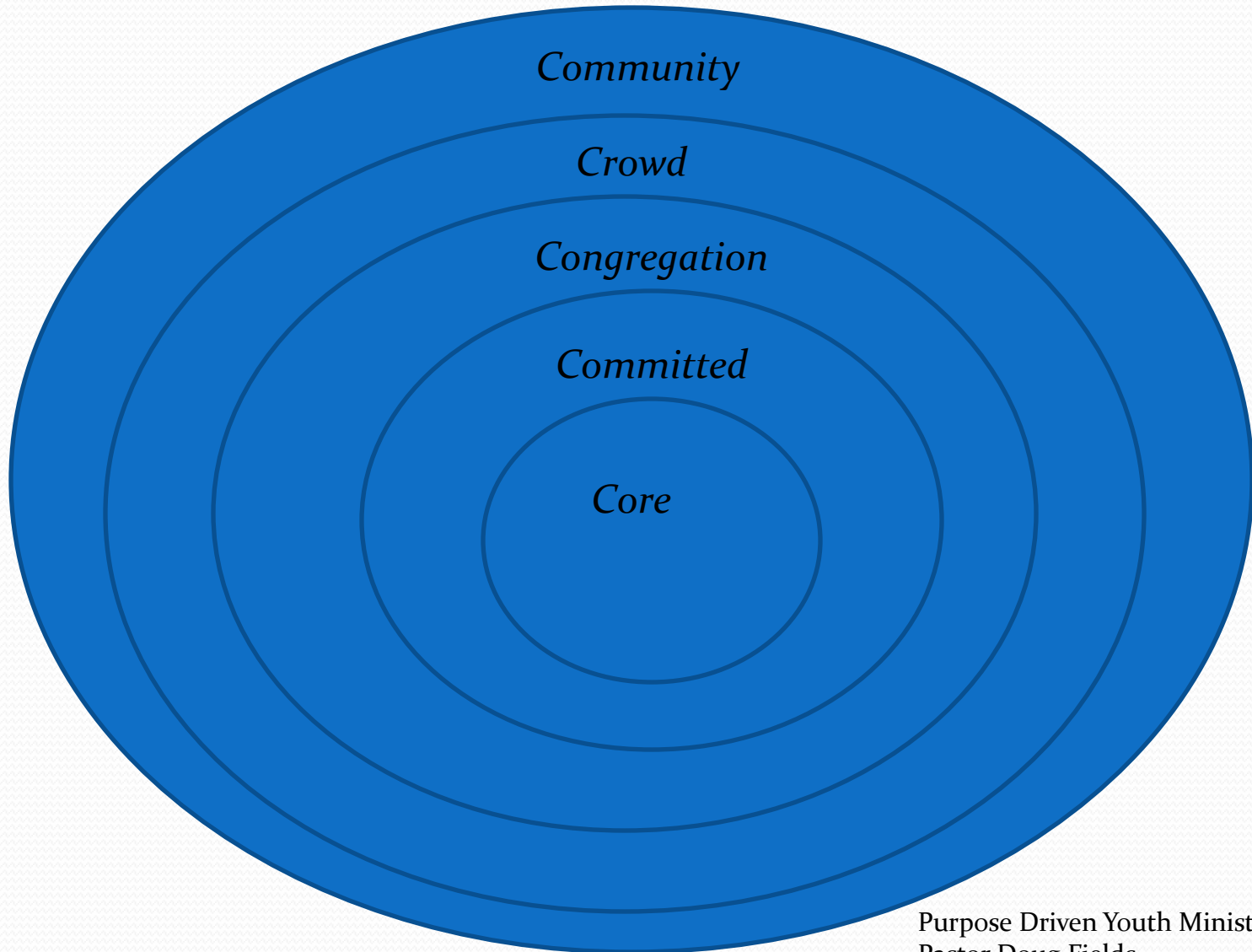


Most kids form their entire idea of
who God is
and
choose whether or not
they'll have a relationship with God
before leaving 5th grade.



So what Now?

Know your audience



5 Key Words

1: Strategy: The Plan

- Integrated Strategy NOT Segregated Activity
- Have the End in mind
- How do we do
what it is we want to do?

2. Message: Say What?

- What do we want to say?
- What needs to change about our message to reach our target audiences?
- Is there a generation out there that is not hearing our message?
 - Is it white noise to them?
 - Is our method not working?
 - Use what is Cultural to say what is Timeless.

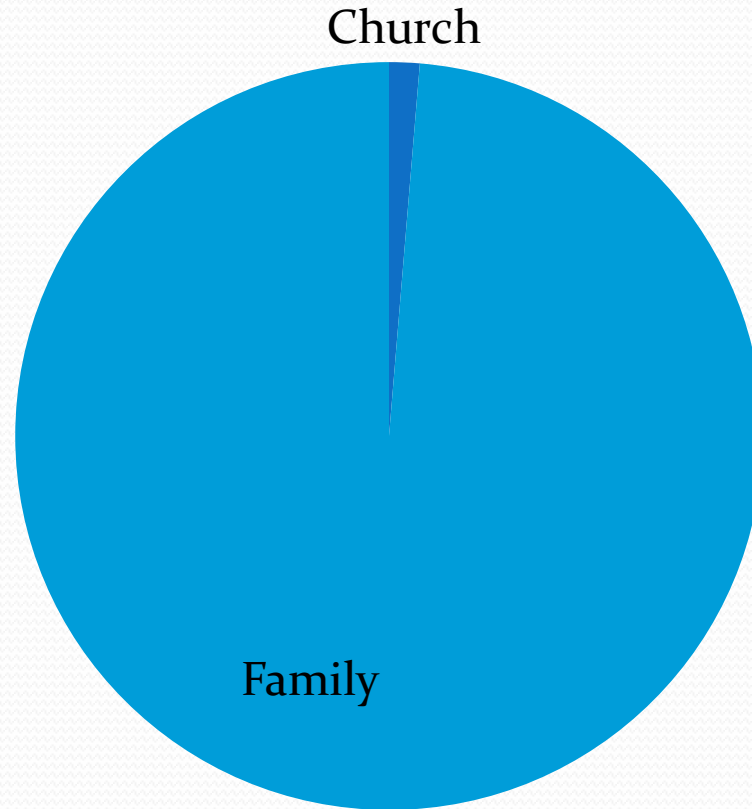
3. Community: I fit in!

- Children and Youth develop an awareness of Christians around them where they can have community
- They seek places where they actually do something & accomplish in community that is unlike anything culture can provide

4. Family: Maximize Resources

- Important that we partner with Parents
- Leaving too many resources on the table when we don't use our resources to tap into the time families can invest in their children.
- Average Church only has 40 hours in a given year to influence a life
- The average parent has 3000 hours per year to influence a life

Maximize Resources



5. Influence: What's my Role?

- How child, youth, adult fit into God's Plan
- Understanding that God has a Purpose and Mission for them
 - Particularly important when person moves from child to youth

Some Numbers

- There are about...
 - 800,000 words in the Bible,
 - 600,585 words in the Old Testament,
 - 180,552 words in the New Testament.

But only 25,000 of Jesus' words were actually recorded.

Those words changed the world then.

They are still changing the world now.

So, you can say less and still make an impact.