

TEEN ENCOUNTER SCHEDULE

PLEASE READ THIS!! GIVE A COPY TO THE YOUTH STAFF BUT DO NOT LET THE STUDENTS SEE IT. HAVE THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED AND WORKSHEETS PREPARED AND READY TO GO AT THE PROPER TIME.

Worship-Full Set-7:00 p.m.

I Introduction

II. Focus on Feelings

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1. Worksheet #1-"Feeling Words"

B. Fear of Failure

1. Activity-"Life's most embarrassing moments"-10:30 p.m.

2. Have a game planned for late night

3. Lights OUT no later than 1:00a.m. PLEASE

Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

III. Encounter With Self-8:30

A. Worship 2-fast songs ONLY

B. Masks

1. "Guidelines for Writing and Dialoguing"

2. "Walk a mile in my shoes"

3. "Self-Description"

4. Activity-"The Great Egg Drop". Just before lunch or during lunch

a. Equipment Needed-For every three people

i. 1 egg, 25 plastic straws, and 6 feet of masking tape

Lunch at 12:00 noon

IV. Love is a decision

1. "Symptoms of Disillusionment"

V. Church Clean-up and Judging of Doodling (3:30)

1. Have a list of names and jobs to be done ready for this time, do not leave it up to chance that the jobs will get done assign people to the jobs.

2. At this point I usually have the youth Pastors wife be the art critic for the doodling contest.

Dinner at 4:30 p.m (Please do not be late on this time)

V. Solving Conflicts and Bumps in the Road

1. "Rules for Fighting"

2. "Bumps in the Road"

VI. Candle Service (Please have an alternative room set up as follows) (6:15 p.m.)

VII. Weekend finishes at 8:30

After Dinner Schedule For Youth Pastor and Wife ONLY

Dinner: 4:30 PM

Session #4: 5:00-5:45 PM

Bathroom Break: 5:45-6:00 PM

(During this time an acoustic guitar worship should be singing in the candle room preparing for when the students walk in, this music should be playing as they walk in and have the students join in the second they get into the room, if you don't have acoustic guitar capabilities then have someone prepared that has a strong voice to lead a couple songs accapella.

Candle Room: 6:00 PM

1. Room MUST be pitch dark, if there are windows they MUST be covered, no light, **the only light should be the two candles** on the table with the cross, this room must be cooled somehow, either air conditioned or fan in an appropriate place as not to interfere with the candles, this room will get HOT FAST.
2. Acoustic Worship – 2 Songs only sang twice each, the students must know the songs well without words, as does the acoustic guitar worship leader (Ie. Breathe, In the Secret, Here I am to Worship), have this person continue to play extremely quietly in the background while the facilitator gives explanation for the candles.
3. The facilitator will be in charge of this portion, He will explain the candles under the chair.
 - Youth Pastor and Wife light the students Candles
 - The facilitator gives warning of the flame and explanation of what to do with the candles.
4. Candle Forgiveness service officially begins-**This portion will begin following the video**
 - The facilitator will every once in a while encourage the students to “Not waste Time, etc”-When they talk the music MUST be down and then back up when finished talking.
 - After “X” amount of time, the facilitator will turn the next portion of the evening over to the Youth Pastor/Leader
5. Youth Pastor-This is where I believe that some spiritual Gifts will come into play, predominately in you, The Gift of Wisdom and the Gift of Discernment. You don't need to worry about them showing up they will, cause it has happened and all Teen Encounters. Trust the Voice of the Lord and respond to students. You must be aware of the surroundings and watch the students you will begin to be able to see the facial changes in your students that have found forgiveness and those that have not, you will need to go to the ones that have not and talk with and pray with and encourage them to give it all to God, please do not “make them FEEL better, but encourage them to seek God, remember Forgiveness is NOT a feeling but a choice, even though they might not feel forgiveness or forgiven, God is no respecter of persons and forgives all. “MAKE THE CHOICE”.
 - After an appropriate amount of Time the youth pastor kneels in front of each student and asks them “**IS IT FINISHED**” (In other words have given and forgiven all), if yes then have them blow out their candle.
 - Some unstated symbolism, the room started with Jesus, the two candles, then we came in with our unforgiveness and the room was filled with Jesus and “US”, but it should never be about “US”, even though Jesus cares about us and loves us, the service is to get to the point that it is all about Him, then after the forgiveness service and the “Question” our lights go out and it is the way it should be, His light burning in us and on our faces, as should be very obvious after this time.
6. Communion-Youth Pastor/Leader- (This is where a Youth Pastor/Leader must be sensitive to the Time Element, you can take a lot of time here or be very short dependent upon time, the Key information to get out is Jesus died to take care of the forgiveness issues and “IT IS FINISHED” as was stated on the cross, be as descriptive of the cross, as time allows”

1 Corinthians 11:23 The Message Bible

I received my instructions from the Master himself and passed them on to you. The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said,

“This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” After supper, he did the same thing with the cup: “This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you. Each time you drink this cup, remember me.”

What you must solemnly realize is that every time you eat this bread and every time you drink this cup, you reenact in your words and actions the death of the Master. You will be drawn back to this meal again and again until the Master returns. You must never let familiarity breed contempt.

Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Master irreverently is like part of the crowd that jeered and spit on him at his death. Is that the kind of “remembrance” you want to be part of? Examine your motives, test your heart, come to this meal in holy awe.

If you give no thought (or worse, don't care) about the broken body of the Master when you eat and drink, you're running the risk of serious consequences. That's why so many of you even now are listless and sick, and others have gone to an early grave. If we get this straight now, we won't have to be straightened out later on. Better to be confronted by the Master now than to face a fiery confrontation later.

So, my friends, when you come together to the Lord's Table, be reverent and courteous with one another. If you're so hungry that you can't wait to be served, go home and get a sandwich. But by no means risk turning this Meal into an eating and drinking binge or a family squabble. It is a spiritual meal—a love feast.

7. Student Letter to Parents-**Read the final Writing Assignment Worksheet to the students as they read along**, make sure each one is given an envelope as well. Make sure every student writes to the person they are living with, and **every student MUST write a letter we cannot leave this room until this is done**. GIVE THEM 20 minutes. Make this statement to the Students-"At the end we will collect the letters and make sure your Parent(s) or the person you are living with will get them". As youth leader wander around the room and make sure all the students are writing a legible (written in English or Parents native language) letter.
 - Collect all the letters, from the students, all in envelopes with their parents name and address on them, it will be your responsibility to mail these on Monday..
 - When the students get done have them sit quietly and sing with the music, while others finish up, stay in an attitude of Prayer, DO NOT DISRUPT THE OTHERS.
8. **Testimony time-ONLY IF TIME ALLOWS**
9. This last time is critical and run by the facilitator
 - The Plan starting tomorrow-where do we go from here.
 - Powerpoint
 - How do we bring those that weren't here into the inner circle, without making them feel like they really missed out?
 - How do we bring those outside the church into the Body of Christ?