

Envision_Launch

Celebrating our New Emerging Young Adults

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A church family celebration and recognition of the individuals in our church family that are taking their first steps as an emerging young adult.

- Conducted at the beginning of each school year (Fall)
- Challenge given to the individual, parents/family and church family
 - Recognition of the role that each plays in the developmental path.
 - Each will receive their Envision_Life Portfolio in the near future.



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- Experiences include:
 - Sunday morning ordered learning
 - Youth Group (Meetings, Retreats, One-Another Ministry, Service)
 - Exploration of other ways that your gifts suit you to contribute to the work of CityChurch of Ames-Des Moines (House church, CityChurch level)
 - Possibility of participating in a (BILD) national or international missions trip

Ordered Learning (Sunday Morning Studies)



Personal establishment in the faith <u>forms the core</u> of everything that we are doing with our emerging young adults.

Year	Content
7th Grade	The Story, Becoming a Disciple, CityChurch Ministry Plan
8th Grade	Proverbs 1–9, Song of Solomon
9th Grade	First Principles Series I
10th Grade	First Principles Series II
11th Grade	Life ⁿ
12th Grade	First Principles Series III

Body of Work Artifacts and Assessment



Table Discussion

- What will it look like if an emerging young adult fully engages with these opportunities for their growth and embraces biblical principles? What would you see them doing?
- What would you assess and how would you assess it?



This should be completed by:

1 Emerging Young Adult (Self-Assessment)

2 Parent(s)

House church leader

	Question	Doing Well	Slight Problem	Major Problem	Comments
Individual	Through ordered learning, are you studying the scriptures, participating in discussions, and applying biblical principles to your life?				
Family	Are you obeying your parents—working hard at home to understand your role in the family and strengthening the family through your unique contributions?				
Local Community	Are you joyfully contributing to the functioning of your house church meeting? (Setup, takedown, food serving, childcare, etc)				
	Are you participating in your house church meeting as an emerging adult—participating in the discussion and making contributions?				
	Are you coming to youth group with a mentality of "what can I bring to the meeting tonight?" (Loving your peers, prayer requests, etc)				
	Are you working in your local community (neighborhood, school, social spheres) to love and serve others, seeking their welfare (good)?				
World	Are you helping contribute to the BILD International conference? (Setup, takedown, food serving, hospitality at home, engaging in discussion, etc)				



Prayer

Deeply Integrated in Church and Family Life



Every family member plays a distinct and vital role in the development of our emerging young adults.

- Parents
- Elders / Church Leaders
- Older Men / Older Women



Parents: Take seriously your task of bringing up your children in the teaching of the Lord. Develop a 0–18 strategy for their development.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. 4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1–4)

20 My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. (Proverbs 6:20)



Table Discussion

- What will it look like if parents embrace these biblical principles and take full advantage of the developmental opportunities we have for them and their emerging young adults? What would you see them doing?
- What would you assess and how would you assess it?



This should be completed by:

1

Parent(s) (Self-Assessment)

2

House church leader

Question	Doing Well	Slight Problem	Major Problem	Comments
Have you developed a 0-18 strategy for the development of each of your children?				
Have you shared your development strategy with your house church leaders? With our leaders who are working with our emerging young adults?				
Are you following your strategy, being the driver of the educational process in regards to the development of character, faith, education and lifework?				
Are you making sure that your children are following the faith development "ordered learning pathway" that our church has established? (Participation / Completion / Application)				
Are you utilizing the church (house and CityChurch) family that God has placed you within for the development of your emerging young adult? (Mentoring, Ministry Opportunities, etc.)				
Are you taking full advantage of the ministry opportunities that we have available for our emerging young adults? (Ordered learning, Youth Group Wed. Nights, Retreats, etc.)				



Prayer (Kevin Berg)

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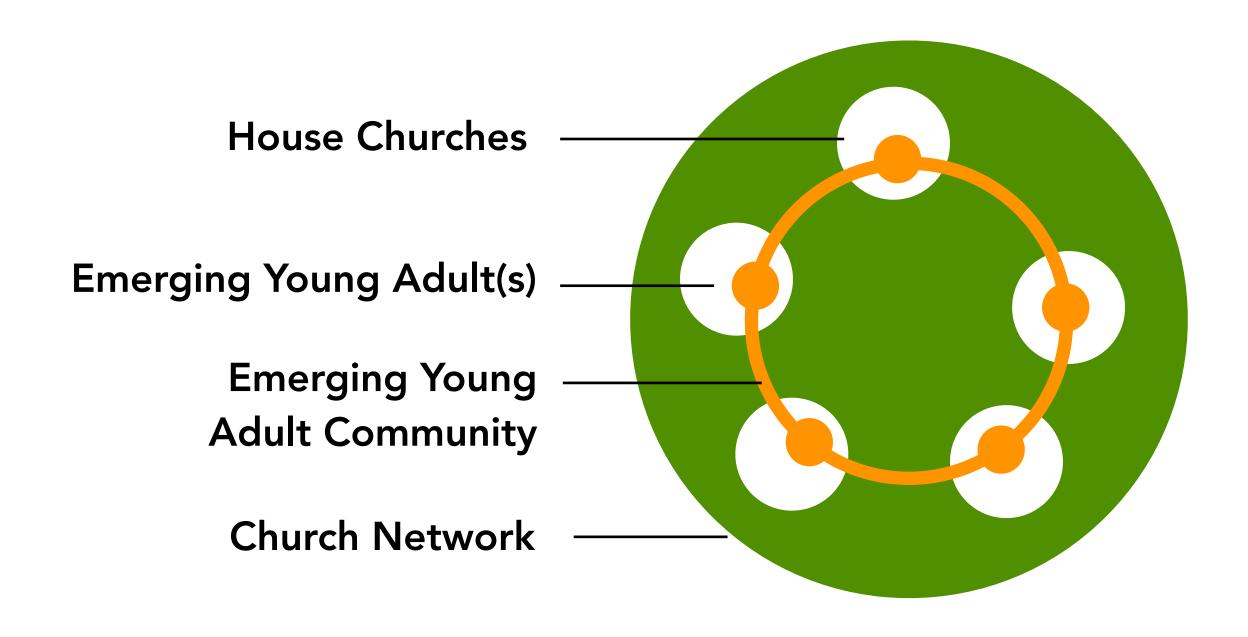
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Relationship of Young Adults to the Church Family

Traditional Youth Ministry

Emerging Young Adult Community Church

Church-Based "Youth Ministry"





Elders / Church Leaders: Shepherd and develop the parents and emerging young adults that God has placed under your care.

28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. (Acts 20:28–29)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11–13)



Older Men / Older Women: Fully invest yourself in the life and ministry development of the younger men and women in our church family.

You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. 2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. 3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. (Titus 2:1-5)



Table Discussion

- What will it look like if leaders embrace these biblical principles and shepherd the parents and emerging young adults in their church? What would you see them doing?
- What will it look like if older men and women embrace these biblical principles and engage parents and emerging young adults in their church? What would you see them doing?
- What would you assess and how would you assess it?



This should be completed by:

1

Church Leaders & Individuals (Self-Assess)

2

House church leader (Assessing others)

Question	Doing Well	Slight Problem	Major Problem	Comments
Leaders: Have you met with the parents in your church to review their 0–18 strategy for their children?				
Leaders: Are you assessing the growth and development of the emerging young adults in your church family? Are you engaging with parents around those assessments?				
Ordered Learning Leaders: Are we communicating with parents and church leaders about the biblical concepts that we are discussing and how our young adults are progressing?				
Older Men and Women: Do you engage with the emerging young adults at your house church meetings? (How is life going? How are they learning/growing from the scriptures? Etc.)				
Older Men and Women: Have you discussed with parents how you can come alongside them as they raise up their children?				
Older Men and Women: Are you looking for opportunities to build into the lives of the emerging young adults in your house church? (Mentoring, Life-on-life, Have them over for a meal, etc)				
Older Men and Women: What is the example that you are setting for our emerging young adults when it comes to your life and ministry? (Personal growth and development, ministry in your communities, one-another ministry, BILD Conference participation, etc.)				



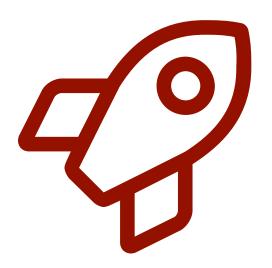
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The value of equipping and assessment.