

CURRICULUM THAT WORKS WITH URBAN STUDENTS

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STARTING OUT - Urban Youth Ministry from Start to Finish

www.simplyyouthministry.com/resources-adult-leaders-development-urban-ministry-from-start-to-finish.html

- Resource kit that helps develop a solid, Godly urban ministry
- Gives practical ideas for all aspects of ministry
- Free Sample Available

Traditionally "Suburban" Focused Curriculum that Works

Lifeway <http://www.lifeway.com/menu/200732/>

- The Beloved Disciple: Student Edition
- KNOWN

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- Basics
 - Lots of information about camps
 - Many resources on running Bible based programming
 - Most resources are also available in quarterly downloadable bundles
 - Free Samples

Group Publishing www.group.com

- Basics
 - Great Bible Basics
 - Very "Translatable" Material
 - Free Samples and Ideas
 - Most Lessons can be bought in "quarterly" packets
 - Small Group and Large Group Material

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- Rooted
- Girl Talk/ Guy Talk
- Live

GOOGLE

www.google.com

- Google is your best friend when it comes to finding curriculum. Play around, start looking for "youth group lessons" or "youth lessons about faith." Think of what it is that you want to teach and just start searching and clicking and find what you like. Googling "object lessons", for example, is especially helpful in finding visual illustrations to interact with students.

FREE Online Resources

Film Clips/ Inspirational Short Films

- Wing Clips www.wingclips.com
- Blue Fish TV www.bluefishtv.com
- Igniter Media www.ignitermedia.com
- Youtube www.youtube.com

Find clips that you like on Blue Fish TV or Igniter Media and then see if they are offered for free on youtube. Search topics, movies, or ideas to see if you might be able to find talking points

- Zamzar www.zamzar.com
Site converts Youtube Videos to be used for teaching points: Free
- 2-5 Minute Clips From Current Films Inspirational “Mini- Movies” Great For Object Lessons or Teaching Points

Conversations On the Fringe

- www.conversationsonthefringe.com

Website that provides articles and information to bridge the gap between mental health issues and those that work with youth

Streetlights

- Urban Audio Bible www.humblebeast.com/streetlights/

Creative Youth Ideas

- Object lessons, teaching illustrations, games and talks www.creativeyouthideas.com/blog/

Curriculum written for Urban Youth

Reach Life Ministries

- www.reachlife.org
 - Includes: *13 Letters* (for students with a current relationship with Christ), *Before You Die* (for students seeking the Lord), *Man Up*.
 - Christian hip hop is used as the basis of lessons
 - Free Sample Downloads Available

Tasty Faith

- www.tastyfaith.com
 - Basic Bible based lessons that include a literacy component to each lesson.
 - Great resources for teen pregnancy. Includes lesson plans for teen moms as well as for the youth pastor who needs to graciously and lovingly handle this topic.
 - Free Sample Downloads Available

Abstinence And Marriage

- www.abstinenceandmarriage.com

- Curriculum that deals with not simply “abstaining” from sex before marriage, but helps prepare students for marriage and dating.
- Great Resources on site that back up their findings. No free sample lessons available.

Future Profits

- www.cdda.org/futureprofits

- Curriculum designed to teach urban students about financial literacy
- Teaches students to think beyond today to the future and plan that Christ has for them
- Easy to use classroom curriculum can be taught over one year or broken apart into smaller lessons
- Sample chapter available for download

