

# ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST “YOUTH MINISTRY BY THE BOOK!”***

## ***HOW TO USE THIS MATERIAL***

The purpose of this material is to help you create exciting studies from Scripture that your students will enjoy. This is not your normal topical approach to Scripture! Instead, we want students to gain a deeper understanding of God’s Word by working through it a chapter at a time!

These materials can help you to experience the excitement and the spirit and involvement of a summer camp but implemented within your regular weekly programming! *We provide the basic materials...all you supply is “heart!”* We have done the homework for you to include memorable outlines, great illustrations, and tremendous ideas for group interaction and team building!

We highly recommend that you create student teams that will experience this adventure with the Scripture together. Allow the students to create team names that reflect this material. Let everything that happens during this study series be done in these teams!

## ***THE ENTIRE UNIT IS FLEXIBLE***

This series contains three units, each one including Bible studies, youth worship ideas and outreach ideas for up to a month! Most Units include at least 6 of the following events:

- **4-5 Bible Studies** - for regular Bible Study or midweek groups!
- **1 Recreation Outreach Rally** - a great party for your friends!
- **1 or 2 Creative Youth Worship**s - for mid-week youth meetings!

There are nearly four months worth of exciting, in-depth programming at your fingertips, complete with competition ideas, games, team quizzing, small group ideas, and more! AND, they are tied together thematically and scripturally for a powerful and cohesive impact!

Each unit contains potentially EVERYTHING you need for one whole month of youth Bible Studies, activities and worship!

There are 4 complete units—up to four months—of material on the Gospel of John:

- **Unit 1: The Time Has Come...For Following** (*John 1-6*)
- **Unit 2: The Time Has Come...For Forgiving** (*John 7-11*)
- **Unit 3: The Time Has Come...For Facing Foes** (*John 12-17*)
- **Unit 4: The Time Has Come...For Friends** (*John 18-21*)

## ***EACH SESSION IS FLEXIBLE TOO!***

Not only is the UNIT flexible, but also each SESSION has been designed to be as flexible as possible in the hands of a youth leader.

The Bible studies in each unit have been written so that they may be used in any setting! The three main sections of each study may be used in a variety of ways:

- **Attention:** This section is the “attention-getter” to begin your study. It may be used either in a large group which is then dismissed for deeper study or as the initial approach to a large group message.
- **Bible Insight:** This is the body of the study which explores Scripture truth. It can be used as a small group study (using the Idea Boxes to involve students) or as a large group message.
- **Conclusion:** This is the wrap up. Often it is helpful to reserve at least this section for the small group conclusion to the session.

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In addition to the main sections, each section is usually subdivided even further into one or more of the following:

- **Explanation:** This section answers the question "What?" What does the Scripture say, and what is meant by its context of the passage?
- **Illustration:** We believe that students relate better to the passage being studied if they have some kind of modern illustration to answer the question "So What?" So what that Abraham left his home and family? What has that got to do with my world?
- **Application:** "Now What?" That is the question being answered here. Now what should I do with what I have heard from Scripture?
- **Idea Box:** This box contains an idea to enable your students to become personally involved in the learning process. Use these ideas in small group settings, or even in large group as time permits!

We hope that you and your youth group thoroughly enjoy using these materials!

To Speed His Return,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Glidewell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Roger Glidewell