



How to Guide

MIDWEEK YOUTH MEETINGS

Encouraging Events

Purpose

The Role of Youth Midweek Services in this Study Series

"ReUnion" is the name we give youth service, usually a midweek event. You probably already have a regular weekly gathering of your students with its own name and personality. This event is the one time each week when *all* your students remain together for most of the time, to enjoy fellowship and group building. It is an extremely important time, for one of the greatest needs of all people—especially students—is the need to *belong!* During this time, all student teams gather in one assembly for fellowship, Bible Study, skits, and worship for most of the evening.

Place and Times

Usually midweek, but whatever time you choose.

Procedure/Agenda

Below is a general agenda we have used:



6:30pm Team Time.....Tm Leaders/Tm Captains

- a. Take Attendance, register guests.
- b. Make plans for Outreach Competition.
- c. Make plans for upcoming Team fellowships.
- d. Sharing time (as time permits).

e. Bible Quiz preparation (choose team contestant)

Team Time is an integral part of the evening! Teams use this brief time to strategize for Outreach--deciding whom they will visit during the next outreach night—and to make plans for any needed transportation, etc. We encourage teams to actually map out routes in advance whenever possible, to save time on the actual night of outreach. Teams also make plans for special team outings and activities.

Also, during Team Time there will be time for the teams to reflect upon the passage of scripture which is the focus for the week.

This is important to the overall success of the study series, since one objective is life-change through a continuous study of a book of the Bible. The sharing time will focus upon how the Scripture relates to things which the students are experiencing in their own lives.



7:00pm Welcome/Greeting.....Team Leaders

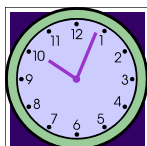
We hope that students who have been contacted during evangelism events will want to come to the youth service! The way in which the welcome is handled is of great importance to make these guests feel welcome! The guests will have been registered during the Team Time. We suggest that you enlist a Host Team (a volunteer group of students) to handle this important time. Host team members are to be sure that each team has guest registration cards during Team Time. Student Team Captains are to designate someone to help guests fill in the information during Team Time. Host Team members conduct the welcome and greeting time from the front of the room. One host team member stands at the front and asks Team Captains to introduce guests. Usually this person may simply say, "We want to give a special welcome to our guests. Do any Team Captains have guests in your group which you want to introduce to us?" Team Captains may stand *in behalf of* their guests to introduce them. Other Host Team members collect the registration cards AFTER the Team Captain has introduced guests to the group.

The one who introduces guests to the group should stand up with the guest to introduce him/her. Never ask guests to stand alone in front of a group of strangers! Pre-train all your group how important it is for them to be attentive and sensitive to guests while they are being introduced and during the event.

7:05pm Bible Quiz.....Quiz Master

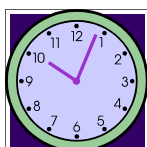
Bible Quizzing is covered in greater detail in the Equipping Section of this manual. The Quiz competition is between all Teams, and covers the material in the Bible book being studied during this series. 8-12 questions may be asked during each week's Bible Quiz in ReUnion (about 10 minutes). Each Team fields 1 contestant for the Quiz each week, and teams may not field the same contestant twice unless everyone present on their team (not including guests) has already participated. See Bible Quiz rules.

The Quiz contestants are seated in a single line at the front of the assembly. Other participants are the Quiz Master, who asks each question; Quiz judges, who judge which participant stood FIRST to indicate that they know the answer; Quiz Scorekeeper, who records points on the board during the Quiz. They must be able to identify the second contestant to stand, too. If the first contestant fails to answer the question, the second one may try. And so on for each question. At the conclusion, the winner is announced amid lots of fanfare! It's fun to see the teams cheering for their team mates!



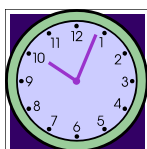
7:15pm Praise Set.....Praise Team

There are two sets of worship choruses during most Midweek services. The first set should be more light-hearted and fun type songs, with plenty of enthusiasm. There is a multitude of resources on the market for this type of songs. You will want to have a Praise leader or team to lead in selecting the music. This Team consists of whatever instrumentalists and vocalists are available to you. We recommend that you use spiritually mature students wherever possible. It is important for this team to have pre-selected the music to be sung, in order to avoid chaos and "empty spaces" between songs! We recommend that the group sing no more than 3-4 songs of this type, and end on a mellower note if possible. However, the more worshipful songs should be reserved for the second worship set.



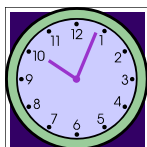
7:25pm Scripture Reading/Prayer.....Assigned Team

At this time in the program, a transition should be made toward more serious worship. To make this break, ask students to stand in reverence of the reading of God's Word. Each Team may be given an assigned responsibility for this section of the agenda in advance. If possible, be creative with the reading. Get the whole Team involved. Wherever possible, encourage students to quote portions of assigned Scripture from memory to add emphasis to the importance of Scripture as a vital part of this experience. Ask one team member to pray.



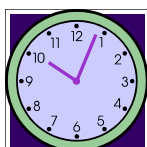
7:30pm Worship Set.....Praise Team

Nothing accomplishes the goal of unity like effective corporate worship! The Praise Team should be ready to lead the group in several worship choruses following the Scripture reading. Do not allow dead space here. Make the transition as smooth as possible! Use creativity with lighting and music background to enhance the worship atmosphere! Direct students toward worship. Caution: Don't use lighting and music changes manipulatively. These factors may enhance a worship experience, but should not be overly used.



7:35pm Special Feature.....Assigned Team

This is optional. You may choose to assign each group to find someone in the group to sing, etc. Often the material in the Youth Midweek Service section of the Leader's Guide will include suggestions for a feature skit, music, or other activity.



7:40pm Message.....Assigned Leader

This material is provided in the Leader's Encouraging section. When the leaders has concluded the message the material often calls for teams to reassemble for a final closing thought or instructions for the next meetings.