

THE CONTACT

AFLC Youth Worker's Newsletter

Summer 2017

Training Genius of Jesus





Coffee Shop

It is the time of year for graduations and open houses. It is a season that often brings memories of the past and dreams for the future. When I dig into my Oreo-cookie salad and take another bite of my ham sandwich while sitting on a folding chair in a garage, here are some thoughts that come to mind:

Memories of the Past

- + I remember inviting 6 youth to a meal at a restaurant only to have 1 teen show up.
- + I remember expecting 50 youth at an event that ended up bringing in almost 200.
- + I remember another time estimating for 200 people, which led to buying 30 pizzas in advance, only to have 37 teens show up.
- + I remember how it impacted me to see a high school graduate include pictures of a youth group service trip on her senior picture board.

Dreams for the Future

- + I picture healthy youth leaders and youth walking by an unshakeable faith in Jesus.
- + I picture 41 million people between 10-19 years old in the USA touched by the grace of God in Christ.
- + I picture caring, believing adults that engage in conversations with teens and kids in their local congregation.
- + I picture a generation of people that are gripped by disciple-making that reflects Jesus' life and ministry.

What are your memories of this year? What are your dreams for where the Lord has you?

May you be encouraged by Psalm 138:8a – “The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me.”

*Pastor Jason Holt
Is the National Youth Director
for the AFLC*



YOUTH WORKERS WEEKENDS JANUARY 19-21, 2018

Our annual gathering will be at the
Association Retreat Center in Osceola, WI.

Best rate is \$135 by 12/15/2017
Regular rate is \$185 after December 15
Online registration opens October 15



AFLC Youth Ministries — Video Cluster information for the month of June

Tuesday, June 20 at 3:00pm (CDT)
(4pm EDT; 2pm MDT; 1pm PDT)

[https://global.gotomeeting.com/
join/150321621](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/150321621)

Access Code: 150-321-621

Telephone Call-in: (646) 749-3112

Tuesday, June 22 at 8:00pm (CDT)
(9pm EDT; 7pm MDT; 6pm PDT)

[https://global.gotomeeting.com/
join/207171741](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/207171741)

Access Code: 207-171-741

Telephone Call-in: (669) 224-3412



Reference Room

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The Training Genius of Jesus

The Missing Jewel

Are you becoming a disciple who makes more disciples—as Jesus intended?

We live in a day an age of podcasts, blogs, conferences, retreats, simulcasts, books and DVDs. The quantity and quality of speaking, teaching and preaching available on Christian radio and the Internet is staggering. And all this is in addition to weekly services, Sunday school, Bible studies and small groups.

But...

- 91% of born-again Christians don't have a biblical world view.*
- The average Christian has never led a person to Christ.**
- A majority of new converts leave the church where they committed their life to Christ within 8 weeks of their decision.***

(Footnotes: *www.barna.org; ** Thom S. Rainer, *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched*, p. 23; ***www.churchplantinginstitute.org)

What do you think: Is all this speaking, teaching and preaching—as foundational and biblical as it is—getting the discipling job done?

Why aren't we making disciples who are making more disciples—like Jesus did?

Here's my two cents: It seems to me that too many of our efforts at making disciples have hung on our speaking, teaching and preaching ministries **alone**. Authentic training in the mode of Jesus is almost as rare as the eight-track tape.

As someone who regularly speaks, teaches and preaches, I'm fully aware of the importance of speaking, teaching and preaching. However, without an intentional approach to **ministry training**—as exhibited in the life of Jesus—I believe we'll never reproduce disciples who can make disciples as God intended.

While Jesus was clearly a speaker, teacher and preacher—we often forget that he was first and foremost a trainer of disciples who would make more disciples. In churches today, we've embraced speaking, teaching and preaching, but I don't think we've even begun to grapple with what it really means to embrace the training genius of Jesus.

Why? In part because don't understand how training is truly different than speaking, teaching and preaching.

The following six contrasts are an attempt to stimulate your thinking about the differences between speaking, teaching, preaching (STP)—and training. *The ultimate goal is to clarify what training really is—thereby making you rethink your approach to life and ministry.*

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To read more, check out Cadre's PDF of "Training Genius of Jesus" – [LINK HERE](#)

To get a print copy of it to wrestle through with another ministry leader, consider their five-buck print tool - [LINK HERE](#)

If you noticed that the Cadre resource we reference is Dialogue #2, you can find the first one here - [LINK HERE](#)

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Reflect with A Fellow Ministry Leader: Are you a speaker/teacher/preacher, a trainer, or both?

Disclaimer: Our friends at Cadre Ministries have been a most influential team to AFLC Youth Ministries. In the last decade, Cadre has led training at Youth Workers Weekends, offered Disciplemaking Learning Communities that our leaders have participated in, and offered some guest presentations at AFLBS classes on youth ministry. They authentically reflect making disciples, who make disciples, who in turn make disciples. This excerpt is used with their permission. It comes from a larger resource called "The Training Genius of Jesus" and you can find more from it and Cadre Ministries at the links above.

Convenience Store



Campus Ministry Link—Connecting graduating high school seniors to Christian College organizations

<http://bit.ly/2r8F92i>



Cadre Ministries—Free page of Jesus-like disciple making resources.

<http://bit.ly/2qyKKMt>



Center for Parent/Youth Understanding Podcast – CPYU resource for youth culture, leaders, and parents.

<http://bit.ly/1NrVIO6>



FLY Convention – Helpful Information for Leaders

<http://bit.ly/2qDiub4>

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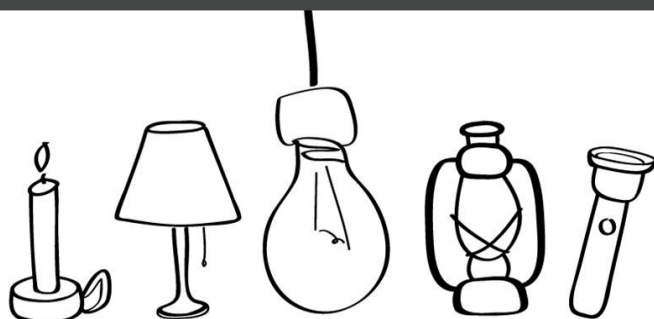
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2017 FLY Convention



Dare2Share
LIVE



See You
At The Pole



FLY Beyond
2018

**AFLC Youth Ministries:
A Treasury of
Opportunities**

June 15
AC Youth Campfire
Thursday at 9:30pm

July 3-8
FLY Convention 2017
National youth gathering

Sept. 23
Dare 2 Share LIVE
National equipping event

Sept. 27
See You At The Pole
National student day
of prayer

Oct. 20-22
AFLBS Campus Days
Saturday workshop for
youth leaders

3rd Tues & 3rd Thursday
YW Video Clusters
June, Aug, Oct, and Nov

Jan. 19-21, 2018
YW Weekends
Annual youth leaders event

July 16-20, 2018
FLY Beyond
National youth equipping
conference

(YW = Youth Workers)

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The AFLC is a growing fellowship of 270 congregations whose members believe that the Bible is true and that everyone needs Jesus.

AFLC Youth Ministries exists to win teens to Christ, to build them in God's Word and God's love, to equip them to live and share their faith, and to multiply maturing teen disciples of Jesus.

