

CHANGE CONF LEADER'S GUIDE

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HEY YOUTH LEADERS!

You are all real life everyday heroes. Thank you for the important work you do and thanks for including us in your Fall Plans. Together we can give your students the most amazing Change Conference experience ever! We've created a Prep & Follow Up Guide to help you prepare your leadership teams, parents and youth for this amazing event.

WHAT IS CHANGE CONF 2021 ACTUALLY ABOUT?

Change Conf is most importantly a proclamation and invitation of the Gospel. We want every student in Canada to be able to hear, respond and live out the message of Jesus in their lives.

The Change Conf 2021 theme is **ALL THINGS NEW** based on Isaiah 43:19/Revelation 21:5.

We will be communicating the love and hope of Jesus and delivering the gospel clearly and effectively during the livestream.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR MY YOUTH?

Our objective for all students in attendance is that they take a step closer to Jesus in some way.

We will provide space for your youth to either a) make a decision for Jesus (first time or recommitment)

and/or

b) take a bold step to live out the message of Jesus in their lives more fully through sharing the Gospel Message Video on their social media.

HOW DOES CHANGE CONF COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS ON THESE MAIN POINTS?

In the livestream, we will communicate the two ways that your students can take the next step in their walk with Jesus:

1) We will direct all students to thereismoretolife.ca

We have created this website with your youth in mind. No matter what stage of faith they are (or aren't at) they can find helpful resources to answer their questions. Knowing that not all students are going to be in the same place in their spiritual journey, we have provided resources at different levels. There is something there for every student, regardless of where they're at in their journey.

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2) We will be encouraging students to share the Gospel Message Video on their social media

This is huge. This is where your students can step out and make a bold move on behalf of the Gospel. We have created a 1 minute Gospel Message Video that we will be showing your students in the livestream. Once we've shown the video, we will be challenging your students to take a brave step and post the video on their social media.

HOW DOES THE CURRICULUM WORK WITH CHANGE CONF?

Great question! The Change Conf // Youth Alpha Curriculum is not only free 2 weeks of trusted content, but is also a super helpful tool in preparing your students to take the next step in their faith, whatever that may be. It has been designed to be used the 2 weeks leading up to Change Conf. Through storytelling, students, and Scripture we will help get your students ready and bring them to a place where they feel prepared to take that next step in sharing their faith.

WHAT IS THE CURRICULUM ABOUT?

CURRICULUM WEEK 1: JESUS MAKES YOU NEW

This first session of the curriculum is all about how Jesus makes us new. We can change and God can change us. Students are challenged to think differently and see themselves as Jesus does. We are made new through the renewing of our minds and measuring what the world says against Scripture and what Jesus says.

CURRICULUM WEEK 2: WITH JESUS, WE CAN MAKE THE WORLD NEW

In the second half of our curriculum we take a look at our world and recognize that things aren't the way God intended. Students are led to recognize the deep need our world has for Jesus and the important role they have in partnering with Him to bring change to our world.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO TO PREPARE MY STUDENTS?

YES! Firstly, PRAY.

Gather those prayer people! Every single year at Change Conference God does AMAZING things and lives are eternally changed. Addictions have been overcome, sins have been forgiven, suicide attempts have been prevented, relationships have been mended, hope has been found and thousands will hear the message of God's love. The youth of Canada are discovering their Saviour. You need to be in prayer for this event! To make this easy, Change Conf is already set up to get your community involved in prayer. Here's how:

1) Encourage them to sign up for our 40 days of prayer campaign. When you or your team members sign up, we'll text you a prayer request a day, for 40 days.

2) Text **PRAYER to (226) 240-9938 to sign up for this.**

3) Join us on October 5th for our Change Conf Day of Prayer and Fasting. Christian leaders right across Canada will be Fasting and Praying for this event. Organize your team to join us in prayer on that day and pray for each student by name.

4) Run your own prayer initiative to involve parents, church members and your leadership team. Pray for specific students, prayer requests and concerns.

An idea for you: the week before Change Conf, gather your leaders either in person or over Zoom and pray for each student who will be participating in Change Conf by name.

Secondly, COMMUNICATE.

a) Talk to your leadership teams.

Prepare them to have important conversations about decisions. They don't need to know all the answers (does anyone?) but they do need to feel confident and know that you have faith in them to have the conversation.

b) Talk to the parents.

Bring them in on it. We know that discipleship happens at youth group for maybe 2hrs once a week, but it happens at home everyday. Partner with parents to be ready to guide their teens through these big conversations.

c) Talk to your students.

Consider discussing the Gospel Message Video with them and the opportunity that they will have to join with thousands of other students to share it on their social media.

FOLLOW UP

Follow up is a very important part of Change Conference and it is entirely done by you: the youth leaders. We so appreciate the time and effort that you have put into participating in Change Conf with your students. To assist you in this last but key piece we polled many youth leaders and they've helped us develop some Follow Up Tools.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Check your Party Box for discussion questions created by our Change Conf team to help your youth unpack some of the truths and topics communicated during the Change Conf 2021 livestream.

FOLLOW UP SURVEY

One of our favourite follow up ideas from youth leaders was a follow up survey. The youth leader (let's call him Frank) created a survey to give his students space to communicate how the event impacted their faith in a simple format. Here is how it went:

Frank created a simple Google Form with 3 questions, using a sliding scale for the answers.

1) Where were you at in your relationship with Jesus before Change Conf (1-10)

2) Where are you at in your relationship with Jesus after Change Conf (1-10)

3) How likely are you to share about Jesus with your friends (1-10)

He asked the students to fill out the survey right after the event (Frank was smart and used a candy incentive to encourage his students to do this in the moment).

From here, Frank had a good idea where his students were at spiritually and was able to have really honest follow up conversations with them.

SHARE YOUR STORY

This is one of the easiest ways to either wrap up your evening at Change Conf or plan a youth night post Change Conf.

The whole purpose of the experience here is to share. Ask them to share what they liked, what they learned, something they will never forget. Start with easy questions such as: “What was your favourite thing about our Watch Party/Change Conf 21?”. As your students warm up to sharing, gradually get to the deeper questions.

Have a question that isn't answered here? Please email us directly at info@changeconference.com or call: 1-800-899-9322 x246

We're here to help!