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LEADERS GUIDE



HEY YOUTH LEADERS!

Youth Leaders, Workers, and Volunteers, thank you for the important work you do and for including us in your ministry year.

The youth of this generation are incredible, brave, resilient, and worth every minute that we pour into them. Together we can give your students the most amazing Change Conference experience ever! We've created this Youth Leader Follow Up Guide to help you prepare your leadership teams, parents, and youth for this amazing event.

WHAT IS CHANGE CONF 2023 ACTUALLY ABOUT?

The Change Conf 2022 theme is SEEK FIRST based on Matthew 6:33.

"SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU"

We will be communicating the love and hope of Jesus and delivering the gospel clearly and effectively during Change Conf 2023. Our objective for all students is that they take a step closer to Jesus in some way.

SEEK FIRST
THE
KINGDOM.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR MY STUDENTS?

Our heart is for every student to experience Jesus. They will be given the space and opportunity to:

1. Make a decision for Jesus (first time or recommitment)

On Friday night, Andrew Beresford (Toronto) and Matt Litow (Ottawa) will clearly present the Gospel message to your students. After hearing this message we will give students an opportunity to respond. Students who have made a decision or recommitment will be asked to raise their hand. A member of the Change Conf volunteer team will run out to them and deliver a Change Conf Follow Up Pack.

The Follow Up Pack will contain:

- A Bible given by Canadian Bible Society
- Change Conf Follow up Guide
- Truth cards

2. Take a bold step to live out the message of Jesus in their lives more fully through committing to share the Gospel with their friends.

We'll be encouraging students to share the Gospel Message with their friends.

On Saturday evening, students will be challenged to bring their faith with them into their schools and communities and share the life changing hope of Jesus with their friends. This is a huge step: moving our youth from a place of accepting their Saviour to a place of **sharing** Jesus as Saviour.

THEREISMORETOLIFE.CA is a great tool we've designed to help your students as they walk their faith journey. No matter what stage of faith they are (or aren't at) they can find helpful resources to answer their questions.

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE MY STUDENTS?

Firstly, PRAY.

Gather those prayer people! Every single year at Change Conference God does AMAZING things and lives are eternally changed. Addictions are overcome, sins are forgiven, suicide attempts are prevented, relationships are mended, hope is found and thousands 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 24 days of prayer campaign. When you or your team members sign up, we'll text you a prayer request each day, for 24 days. Text PRAYER to (226) 240-9938 to sign up for this.
- 2) Join us on October 4th for our Change Conf Day of Prayer and Fasting. Youth Pastors, parents, volunteers, and Christian leaders will be fasting and praying for this event. Organize your team to join us in prayer on that day and pray for each of your students by name.
- 3) Run your own prayer initiative to involve parents, church members, and your leadership team. 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.

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Secondly, COMMUNICATE.

1) 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.

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

3) Talk to your students. Encourage them to invite their friends to the Friday night concert. Their friends can have an amazing experience and the opportunity to meet Jesus for the first time.

HOW SHOULD I 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.

SUGGESTION ONE: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Our team is coming up with discussion questions for you and your youth to unpack some of the truths and topics communicated during Change Conf. Visit: changeconference.com/tools to get your discussion questions.

SUGGESTION TWO: FOLLOW UP SURVEY

One of our favourite follow up ideas from youth leaders was a follow up survey. A very wise youth leader created a survey to give his students space to communicate how the event impacted their faith. Here is how it went:

The youth leader 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 (this particular youth leader was very smart and used a candy incentive to encourage his students to do this in the moment). After, the youth leader had a good idea where his students were at spiritually and was able to have really honest follow up conversations with them.

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SUGGESTION THREE: TIME TO 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 Change Conf?”. 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 or text (226) 240-9938.

We're here to help!



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