

Leveraging Global Missions for Discipleship

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Summary

This video discusses how to leverage global missions trips for discipleship of youth. Eran Holt, the founder of Lead the Generation, shares his experiences and strategies for using missions trips as opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development, and maturity in students. He emphasizes the importance of intentional preparation, delegating responsibilities, and creating structured moments for reflection and sharing during the trip. The discussion highlights how missions trips challenge students' faith, comfort zones, spiritual growth, leadership abilities, and overall maturity. Data from a church study indicates that students who go on missions trips are more likely to serve in ministry, be generous givers, and potentially pursue ministry or missions careers.

Main Points

Missions Trips Challenge Students' Faith

Signing up for a missions trip, raising funds, and preparing for the experience challenges students' faith. It requires them to discern if God is calling them to go, step out in faith, and trust God's provision.

Missions Trips Challenge Students' Comfort Zones

Experiencing a missions trip exposes students to new cultures, languages, and societal issues, pushing them out of their comfort zones. This broadens their perspectives and creates opportunities for discipleship.

Missions Trips Challenge Students' Spiritual Growth

The video emphasizes the importance of intentional pre-trip training, focusing on discipleship, theology, apologetics, and evangelism. During the trip, students are challenged to share their faith, lead ministry activities, and engage in spiritual disciplines, fostering their spiritual growth.

Missions Trips Challenge Students' Leadership

A missions trip encourages delegating leadership responsibilities to students during missions trips, such as preaching, leading worship, and organizing activities. This creates opportunities for students to step up and develop their leadership abilities.

Missions Trips Challenge Students' Maturity

Students are in a foreign environment, away from familiar comforts, and surrounded by a diverse group of people, which forces them to mature spiritually and learn to love one another. Structured times for reflection and affirmation, like 'Hero of the Day' and 'God Moment of the Day,' foster this maturity.

Benefits of Missions Trips for Students

The video cites data from a church study showing that students who go on missions trips are more likely to serve in ministry, be generous givers, and potentially pursue ministry or missions careers. This highlights the long-term impact of missions trips on students' spiritual development.

Action Items

- Intentionally leverage global missions trips for discipleship opportunities.
- Challenge students' faith by having them raise funds and prepare for the trip.
- Expose students to new cultures and environments to broaden their perspectives.
- Conduct pre-trip training focused on discipleship, theology, apologetics, and evangelism.
- Delegate leadership responsibilities to students during the trip, such as preaching, leading worship, and organizing activities.
- Create structured times for reflection and affirmation, like 'Hero of the Day' and 'God Moment of the Day'.
- Please encourage students to share their faith and engage in ministry during the trip.
- Consider the long-term impact of missions trips on students' spiritual development and potential calling to ministry or missions.