

## Partnering with your Pastor

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### Summary

This video discusses the importance of commitment, communication, and clarity in building a healthy partnership between youth ministry leaders and lead pastors. Key points included the need for volunteers to demonstrate commitment through dependability and participation in church life, open and intentional communication about expectations, schedules, challenges, and successes, and gaining clarity on the lead pastor's vision, expectations for time commitment, responsibilities, and preferences. The goal is to foster a collaborative relationship where the youth ministry aligns with the church's overall mission.

### Main Points

#### #1 - Commitment in Partnership

Commitment is crucial for a successful partnership between youth leaders and lead pastors. Volunteers should commit to launching and sustaining the youth ministry over time, as discipleship takes commitment. Clear communication is needed to define the level of commitment expected in terms of time and responsibilities as a volunteer role.

#### #2 - Communication in Partnership

Open and intentional communication is key to a healthy partnership. Youth leaders should understand the lead pastor's communication preferences and provide regular updates on schedules, events, challenges, successes, and curriculum. This allows the lead pastor to be informed and provide guidance. Communication should be a two-way street, with both parties expressing their needs and expectations.

### #3 - Clarity in Partnership

Clarity is essential for a productive partnership. Youth leaders should seek clarity on the lead pastor's vision for the youth ministry, expectations for time commitment, responsibilities, preferences, and how the youth ministry fits into the overall church vision. Honesty and taking responsibility to gain clarity through communication are emphasized.

#### **Next Steps**

- Commit to launching and sustaining the youth ministry over time, as discipleship requires long-term commitment.
- Communicate regularly with the lead pastor about schedules, events, challenges, successes, and curriculum to keep them informed and seek guidance.
- Seek clarity on the lead pastor's vision, expectations for time commitment, responsibilities, preferences, and how the youth ministry aligns with the overall church vision.
- Foster a collaborative relationship where the youth ministry works in sync with the church's mission through open communication, commitment, and clarity.