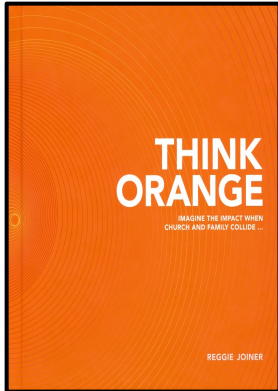


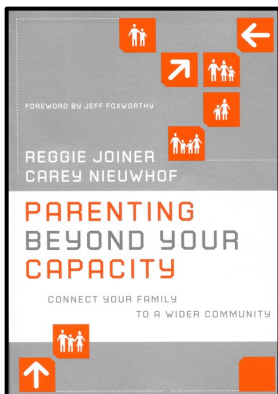
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Think Orange by Reggie Joiner

Families and churches are each working hard to build faith in kids, but imagine the potential results when the two environments synchronize, maximizing their individual efforts. What can the church do to empower the family? How can the family emphasize the work of the church? They can Think Orange. Former family ministry director Reggie Joiner looks at what would happen if churches and families decided they could no longer do business as usual, but instead combined their efforts and began to work off the same page for the sake of the kids. Think Orange shows church leaders how to make radical changes so they can:

- Engage parents in an integrated strategy
- Synchronize the home and church around a clear message
- Provoke parents and kids to fight for their relationships with each other
- Recruit mentors to become partners with the family
- Mobilize the next generation to be the church.

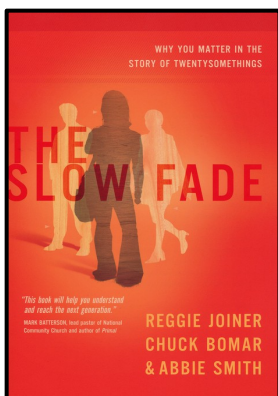


Parenting Beyond Your Capacity by Reggie Joiner and Carey Nieuwhof

Engage your family in a bigger story, a story that involves more than just your family—one that involves other influences who are on a journey to discover why a relationship with God really matters. We want to encourage you to establish a lifestyle as a parent in which you...

- Invite others to invest in your children so your sons and daughters have other voices that will help shape and determine the direction of their lives.
- Create a culture of unconditional love to fuel the emotional and moral health of your children.
- Tap into the power of quality moments together, building a sense of purpose through everyday experiences.

This isn't a self-help book. It's a get-help book. It's about how you can increase your parenting capacity by connecting with available resources, some of which you know about and some which you might not.



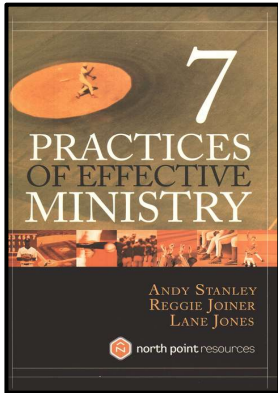
The Slow Fade by Reggie Joiner, Chuck Bomar and Abbie Smith

Many churches and families have programmed their youth ministry finish line at twelfth grade. We walk our seniors out the door, breathe a sigh of relief, and let them disappear for a few years. We assume they'll return to church later, probably as adults with young families in tow.

The problem is, if we let them go, we may never see them again. Too old for youth group and uncomfortable with labels, college-aged and twenty-something Christians become disconnected from faith. Almost imperceptibly, they become less and less involved in church and faith, and eventually, absent altogether—in what we call the slow fade. Yet as these young people face critical decisions that affect the rest of their lives, they need their faith communities more than ever.

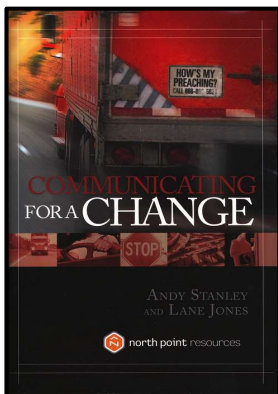
So what's the answer? You. Coauthors Reggie Joiner, Chuck Bomar, and Abbie Smith - a senior pastor, a college pastor, and a twenty-something - offer insight and suggestions and make a compelling case for personal, intergeneration relationships as the way to stop the slow fade.

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7 Practices of Effective Ministry by Andy Stanley, Reggie Joiner and Lane Jones

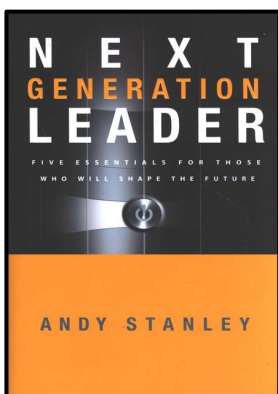
There's no scoreboard in the sanctuary, and the only plate is probably for the offering. But every church leader needs to know how to win, and every congregation needs to know when to cheer. This insightful book speaks to every church leader who yearns for a simpler, more effective approach to ministry. An engaging parable about one overwhelmed pastor is followed by an overview of seven successful team practices, each one developed and applied in a ministry setting. Reinforced by relevant discussion questions, these clear, easy, and strategic practices can turn any ministry into a winning team.



Communicating For A Change by Andy Stanley and Lane Jones

Whether you speak from the pulpit, podium, or the front of a classroom, you don't need much more than blank stares and faraway looks to tell you you're not connecting. Take heart before your audience takes leave! You can convey your message in the powerful, life-changing way it deserves to be told. An insightful, entertaining parable that's an excellent guide for any speaker, *Communicating for a Change* takes a simple approach to delivering effectively. Join Pastor Ray as he discovers that the secrets to successful speaking are parallel to the lessons a trucker learns on the road. By knowing your destination before you leave (identifying the one basic premise of your message), using your blinkers (making transitions obvious), and implementing five other practical points, you'll drive your message home every time!

In *Communicating for a Change*, Andy Stanley and Lane Jones offer a unique strategy for communicators seeking to deliver captivating and practical messages. In this highly creative presentation, the authors unpack seven concepts that will empower you to engage and impact your audience in a way that leaves them wanting more.



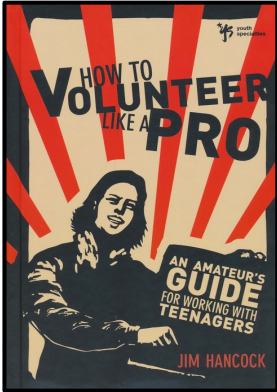
Next Generation Leader by Andy Stanley

Drawing on two decades of experience mentoring a rising generation, seasoned visionary Andy Stanley shows how to:

- Discover and play to your strengths
- Harness your fears and leverage uncertainty
- Enlist a leadership coach
- Maintain moral authority

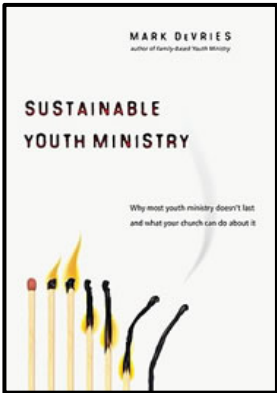
In *Next Generation Leader*, Andy shares material from his leadership training sessions, developed to address essential leadership qualities such as character, clarity, courage, and competency. This is the perfect guide for any new leader—or for the mentor of a future leader!

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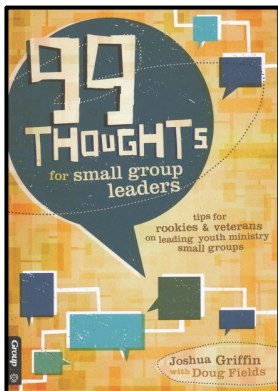
How To Volunteer Like A Pro by Jim Hancock

Thank you for making the decision to be a volunteer youth worker—you give the gospel a flesh and blood presence and show God's compassion for students in a way no one else does. Being a youth worker can be exciting, intimidating, fulfilling and challenging, and until now there was no 'manual' on how to be a volunteer in a youth ministry. After more than twenty years as a paid youth worker, Jim Hancock left and became a volunteer in a student ministry. That experience taught him things he may never have learned as a youth ministry professional, and now he wants to empower others who are passionate about being volunteer youth workers. Inside this book you'll find practical help, like: • tips about what to do on the first day • ideas on how to build and develop relationships with students • ways to combat youth 'culture shock' • how to prepare students for life after youth group...and many more indispensable insights that will make your experience as a volunteer youth worker valuable and rewarding for you and your students.



Sustainable Youth Ministry by Mark DeVries

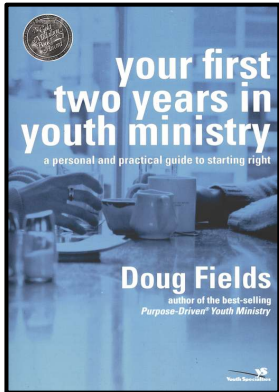
Why do youth ministries crumble? And what is the cost to students, parents, volunteers and church staff? Is a sustainable youth ministry possible, even after a youth pastor leaves? Youth ministry expert Mark DeVries knows the answer is yes, because he helps build sustainable youth ministries through his coaching service called Youth Ministry Architects. Based on his own experience and his many conversations and interviews with churches in crisis, DeVries pinpoints problems that cause division and burnout and dispels strongly held myths. He then provides the practical tools and structures that pastors and church leaders need to lay a strong foundation for their ministry so that it isn't built on a person or the latest, greatest student ministry trend. His accessible guidance helps senior pastors and search committees create a realistic job description for a youth pastor, provides tips for making wise hiring decisions, equips youth pastors to build a strong volunteer team, offers creative solutions to help youth pastors set and keep boundaries, and more.



99 Thoughts for Small Group Leaders by Josh Griffin with Doug Fields

A small group is a powerful place! Lives are changed. Important decisions are made. Spiritual growth is enhanced. Jokes are shared. Lifelong friendships are formed. Cliques disappear when a small group becomes a loving community. The result? Spiritually mature teenagers, empowered leaders, and a healthy youth ministry. Good small groups require leaders—and that's where you come in. If you're a small group leader, you may have lots of questions: Am I making a difference? Am I wisely investing my time, energy, and resources? Can I really do this? If so, how can I maximize my impact on teenagers' lives? Find the answers you're looking for in *99 Thoughts for Small Group Leaders*. This book delivers insights, tips, and veteran advice for anyone leading a small group (from young to old). When these bite-size, consumable pieces of wisdom are put into play, leaders will be better equipped and more confident. This book is all about setting them up to win.

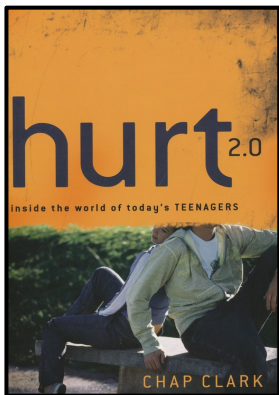
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Your First Two Years In Youth Ministry by Doug Fields

When Doug Fields first started working in youth ministry, he didn't have a clue what he was doing. He just jumped in head first with a passion for kids and a heart for the Lord—and that was about it. He now looks back on those days and sees the challenges faced, the hurdles tripped over, and the successes found.

With *Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry*, Fields translates his passion, insight, and vision for “rookies” onto paper. This is hands-down the most comprehensive companion to not only surviving, but also thriving during this crucial phase of youth ministry. The book is full of stories and principles from Fields' own successes and failures over 20-plus years in youth ministry. It also offers treasure troves of practical advice, all in the hope that new youth workers can travel a smooth path and achieve real longevity in a church culture that all too often chews them up and spits them out.



Hurt 2.0 by Chap Clark

What do teenagers really think about adults? If you think you know the answer, you may be in for a surprise. According to Chap Clark, today's adolescents have largely been abandoned by adults and left to fend for themselves in an uncertain world. As a result, teens have created their own world to serve as a shield against uncaring adults. This book is based on six months of participant-observer research at a California public school. It offers a somewhat troubling but insightful snapshot of adolescent life. It will surprise and enlighten parents, youth workers, counselors, pastors, and all who want to better understand the hearts and minds of America's adolescents.

Originally released in 2004, *Hurt* provided a vivid and insightful view into the world of today's teenagers. Now, leading youth ministry expert Chap Clark substantially updates and revises his groundbreaking bestseller. *Hurt 2.0* features a new chapter on youth at society's margins and new material on social networking and gaming. Each chapter has been thoroughly revised with new research, statistics, quotations, and documentation.