

## YG Goals3—What You Believe . . .

**CBCYG** September 12, 2013, March 6, 2025, **September 4, 2025** **Matt. 22:36-40**

3 goals seeking to teach, that guide everything we are doing here at Youth Group, these goals are not Cornerstone goals, they are Christian goals; but in order to make them sink in, 3 statements that make these goals very important. **Life is short. Be a good steward.** Life vapor, mist; Why is time so important for the Christian? b/c not yours, steward; if you head somewhere, you will be amazing; if you actually head where God thinks important, very rare; must be disciplined, be very selective prioritize **Purpose 1. Love Souls**—(Rom. 13:8-14, pushes us back to **Matt. 22:36-40** which comes from **Deut. 6:4-5**, other from Lev. 19:18, quoted again in Matt. 19:19, **Gal. 5:14**, greatest commandment); why is it so hard to love others as primary purpose? why is it natural that loving God with all heart would lead to loving others as love self? b/c made in His image—when see Him as He is, love Him/value/white heart affection Piper talked about, then never see Him as not relational, not close—He Loves-- **I Jn. 4:7-8** but herein is the problem--selfless love sourced in God's love (not how you define love—I Cor. 13 kind of love and keep going—I Jn. 3:1, Rom. 5:8) **not possible unless God changes your selfish heart to see/receive His love; we work to expose this in your life, point you toward Heavenly Father**—sign that He is truly changing you, that you might be born again, when love God and shows by HOW love souls—starting right in here, at home, etc.; right here at beginning, want to ask if you are born again/saved/Christian; what elements are tied right at heart of gospel—not perfect sentence, but **MUST be understood to some level?** let's collect—Jn. 3:16—believes WHAT about Him? Eph. 2:1—us dead in sins, Rom. 3:23, 6:23, **I Jn. 1:5-8, Gal. 3:22-24**, II Cor. 5:21 (not only died to pay just price for separation from God/rebellion, but lived perfect life because you didn't and can't—Gal. 2:20; but this leads to second statement, **Youth Group is a Microcosm of the Church as a Whole. Applic.** Youth group is not the end (it is where I grow, it is where I have fun) but tool—God loves church; works through church, He is the head, the church is His body; Eph. 1:22-23, Eph. 5:28-29 His Body; **not an organization; an organism, people/relationships; The church is . . . ; this is lived Eph. 4:15-16 we work together, tied to Him**—where He is, I am; what He does, I do; What He wants, I want—but now, must figure out HOW work together, WHERE we are going b/c saw that apart from few assumptions, never get anywhere near this definition or Eph. 4:15-16; common goals, etc. **Therefore 2. Teach Roles** where do I fit into His program? want to be what? vessel of honor, useful to Master II Tim. 2:19-21 1. **Local Church provides place to be accountable 2. The Local church provides a place to be on display 3. Local Church provides place for you to be needed** I Cor. 12:18-20 (focus not me/my gifts, but? how those gifts useful IN body) (don't need to find your gifts, but need to serve) learning to serve one another **How do you fit in each situation? How can you serve one another?** Speaking about change, growth, roles in each other's lives; **How do you change? How do others change? 3. What you believe or value influences what you do and what priorities you will have** last year, showed videos of Desmond Tutu see/hear? What actions/words? What valued? This LED TO . . . John Michael Talbot—see/hear? What valued? THIS led to? Josh Harris—scary, people representing God, so blatantly wrong—NOT so blatantly wrong, but still different direction; right, but then dumped it all; seems so large/so big, but there is something larger; **II Cor. 4:1-6 what does this passage have to do with what we've heard?** **Sin** Blinds you to the Beauty of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2AuRbGJ8m4> John Piper; we have been called to be part of God's

work in spreading the glory of God through the gospel of Christ as only thing that gives hope to our blindness and love for everything other than fellowship w God and obeying His commands as chief value; but must understand process of change once saved (not saved, just words and actions—focus on you; if saved, focus is on Him, yielding to Him brings change); right, but that is not how we usually deal w others; don't usually seek to have people value being in right relationship to God; treasuring Him, studying Him to change, **instead, we focus where?**