YM 631 Youth Culture and Trends

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YM-631 Youth Culture and Trends (2 hours credit)

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Course Objectives:
Students who complete this course with competence will be able to:

1. Provide a framework for youth ministry in the 21st century.
2. Students will develop an understanding of an ecological perspective to adolescent development.
3. Understand developmentally the “critical years” of adolescent development from existing theoretical models with a view toward how these years shape identity and faith commitments.
4. Identify the crucial issues confronting youth in our culture.
5. Define the progression of worldviews and their impact on the world of teenagers.
6. Analyze pop culture and the impact of technology on adolescents.
7. Identify and critique models and styles of youth ministry that impact a postmodern worldview.

January 16  Introduction to Worldviews
The Millennial Student

January 17  Directing Ministry in a Postmodern World

January 18  Adolescents and Substance Abuse
Dr. George Ross

January 19  Pop Culture and Postmodernity
Dr. Jerry Walls

January 22  Family Dysfunctionality
Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera
January 23  Working with “At Risk” Teens
Restoring the Teenage Soul

January 24  Evangelism in a Postmodern World
The Celtic Way of Evangelism
Dr. George Hunter

January 25  Final Exam

Assignments:
Pop Culture assessment:
Using the analysis and critique form provided by the instructor assess:
For 80 points: 5 e-zines or teen web pages
For 90 points: 10
For 100 points: 15

Adolescent Interview:
Using a questionnaire provided by the instructor, interview:
For 80 points: interview 1 teenager
For 90 points: interview 1 teenager and 1 parent of a teenager
For 100 points: interview 2 teenagers and 1 parent of a teenager

Final Exam:
The final exam will cover required reading texts and lecture material.
100 points

Required Reading:
At Risk, by Dr. Scott Larson
The Celtic Way of Evangelism, by Dr. George Hunter
Restoring the Teenage Soul, by Dr. Margaret Meeker
Postmodern Pilgrims, by Dr. Leonard Sweet

Required Viewing:
On reserve will be several videos that will required viewing.