

The mission of Christ Church is to connect people to Jesus Christ. Sports ministry at Christ Church uses the vehicle of sport as a means to connect people to Jesus.

At Christ Church we currently have:

- Men's Softball
- Co-ed Softball
- Men's Basketball
- Hockey
- Co-ed Volleyball

Key Questions for Starting/ Evaluating a Sports Ministry:

- Does the ministry fulfill your church's mission?
- Will the purpose be evangelism, fellowship or both?

Have the End in Sight

1. Mission: Make Disciples Who Make Disciples
2. Disciples: Made Through People Not Programs
3. Seven Characteristics for Students to Possess Upon Graduation
 - Love for Jesus
 - Self-feeder (Word & Prayer)
 - Value for community
 - Know how to share their faith
 - Own their faith
 - Reproducer
 - Experienced healing
4. Programming: Work Backwards
 - Everything you do flows out of your mission
 - Regularly evaluate programming

Building a Team

1. Five Characteristics of a Leader
 - Christ follower – Loves Jesus
 - Life worth emulating
 - Loves students
 - Committed
 - Intentional
2. Four Pointers for Placing Leaders
 - Give responsibility slowly
 - Place according to passion
 - Deliberate not desperate
 - Protect the teaching!
3. Pour Into Your Leaders

Understanding Teenage Culture

1. What do American Teenagers Believe?
2. Go Old School: Teenagers Need the Gospel

Resources

- Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers by Christian Smith & Melina Lundquist Denton
- Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry by Doug Fields
- Purpose Driven Youth Ministry by Doug Fields
- Group Magazine www.youthministry.com/group
- Student Life www.studentlife.com
- Dare 2 Share www.dare2share.org