



## Missio Dei – Youth and Young Adults

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### Reality Check – *Observation and challenge*

#### 1. Missio Dei – God's mission not ours

The \_\_\_\_\_ became \_\_\_\_\_

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...' (John 1:14)

#### 2. Moses to Joshua & David to Soloman

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ on what we \_\_\_\_\_

'The Lord has said to me, 'You shall not cross the Jordon'...be strong and courageous' (Deu 31:1-8)

#### 3. Sacrifice and Obedience

We \_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_

'Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously' (2 Corinthians 9:6)

#### 4. Action must be taken NOW!

\_\_\_\_\_ % to \_\_\_\_\_ & of sixth formers will not find a church when they enter their University life

Useful resource [www.fusion.uk.com](http://www.fusion.uk.com) - student link up packs are available online

**5. We must do anything and everything** - to see more young people and young adults come to know Christ – HTB Story '**what must we do?**'

## The Starting Points – 10 key points

- 1. Acts 2 'The prayer meeting'** – The church started in prayer. The Holy Spirit moved within the people's lives and to build His church
- 2. Friendship** – This is central to everything.
- 3. Identify a potential leader** – If there isn't one pray for one! It must be someone that people will follow. Someone near there age group
- 4. Control the who not the what** – Make sure the right person is doing the job and then let them get on with it! Once you have the right person the right things will follow. Say 'YES' to every idea. Take a risk. What have we to lose?
- 5. Choose and invest in your team (Luke 5:1-11)** – Jesus chose his team before he started His ministry. A Strong leader lets go of his power and ministry. Ministry is never done alone.
- 6. Aim for perfection but settle for excellence** – the way we do 'church' needs to change – where, when, worship, etc. It needs to be reaching a media culture.
- 7. Matt 28 - Discipleship through mission** – people learn and grow deeper with God through mission. Go OUT. Resource, teach and encourage but find NEW pastures (John 10)
- 8. Get to know your 'non customers'** – Listen to those that don't attend your church. Find out what people want. FACT – 70% of the UK's population have said to have experience a spiritual encounter with God. People are hungry. People want God.
- 9. 1. What is the right thing to do? 2. What is the most pastoral thing to do?**
- 10. Aim for complete unity (Ephesians 4)** – Each Church has different gifts and abilities. If the eye is being hit the hand will protect it. We need to understand our churches gifting. What do we do well? How can be expanding this area of ministry? How can we make this accessible to those that don't know Christ? How can we encourage and help our brothers and sisters in Christ?