

# Lost in the Darkness

Helping Teens Connect with the Body of Christ

NCCYM 2012 - a workshop with



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# Warmup Songs!

## For All Time

Refrain:

Jesus, I need you to reach into my arms,  
and step into my feet for all time.  
Jesus, I need you to get inside my head  
and move into my heart for all time.



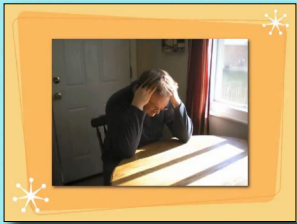
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# Warmup Songs!

## Teenagers in My Car

Refrain:

What have I done?  
What did I do?  
Teenagers in my car...



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# Prayer - "Jesus Is Here"

Refrain:

Jesus is here, Emmanuel,  
God with us, anointed one.  
Born to set God's people free,  
Praise to Christ, the saving one.



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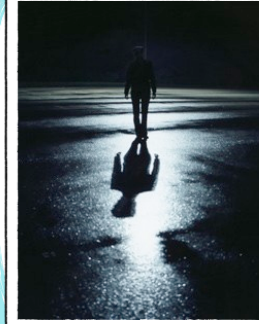
Our own stories...



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Why do we need a workshop like this at all?



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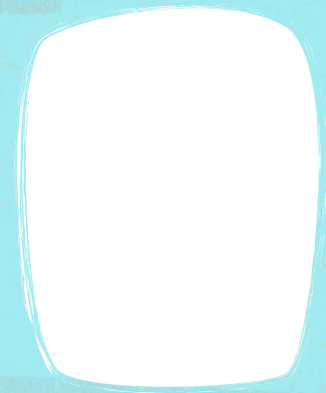


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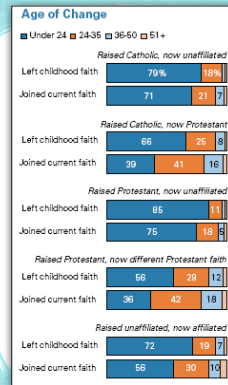
Of those who leave Catholicism for Protestantism or are unaffiliated...



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Of those who leave Catholicism for another faith or are unaffiliated...



<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1204/religion-changes-affiliations-survey>

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## To Know Darkness

... help us to know darkness, so that we may see your light.



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## Question and Answer

- \* What is a darkness in teen culture that keeps them from seeing their Church as family?
- \* What is a darkness in our Church that keeps us from embracing teens as family?



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## Ministry Philosophy

While understanding that **BOTH** are important, long-term care and stewardship and foundation-building are more important than short-term fixes.

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## Six Underpinnings of Successful Ministry With Teens



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- \* Catechesis of the whole community – to see teens as part of the community and involving them in all aspects of Church life



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## Six Underpinnings of Successful Ministry With Teens

- \* Buy-in of Pastor, Parish, and rest of the staff – how do we measure success?



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## Six Underpinnings of Successful Ministry With Teens

- \* Support and involvement of parents - the primary catechist - and giving them support, and specific, active roles in ministry



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- \* Intergenerational programming – liturgies, concerts, movies... Avoid the “pack” mentality and give teens examples and opportunities for approval



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## Six Underpinnings of Successful Ministry With Teens

- \* Evangelization, Catechesis, **EVERYTHING** must be well thought-out, planned, and executed – we may not get many chances!



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## Six Underpinnings of Successful Ministry With Teens

- \* Meaningful relationships with (non-parent) adults – mentoring, and with intentionality, one-to-one whenever possible



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Questions? Comments?

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