**THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL GROUPS AND MENTORING YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Whangaparoa Baptist Training Evening

Aims: - Importance of working in youth work. Why do you do it?

* Why and how to journey with a young person
* How to facilitate small groups.
* Intentionally mentoring

**PRAYER**

Hi Heather – intro fam and what I do

How I got into youth ministry?

Turn to person beside you – Why did you get into youth ministry?

Finish story

GENZ Slide – Discuss what you see

* Joys and pain of so much screen time W

What Millenials want – FB is addictive (dopamine) but doesn’t satisfy sense of connection

Reading over the holidays – Facebook videos – Addiction is lack of deep connection

Higher rate of anxiety and depression in NZ teens – one area where is negative growth

What we long for our young people is a deep relationship with Jesus to bring healing into all those areas for them and so that they can go be what God has for them.

John 4: Woman at the well You are the connection – bridge to Jesus –

The importance of your role – as a small group leader –

Eph 3: love bring power, vision

Got to start with our relationship to Jesus. We need to be connected to Jesus to know his love. Power comes from that connection with Jesus.

For years I did things out of great intentions and my good ideas – I know Jesus… watch me do this for you. I’m a cool person I’ll win them over that

How too’s

* Stay close to Jesus
* Keep in touch
* Build trust
* Meet felt needs = have fun, perceived risk, do crazy!! Round abouts,
* Go deeper

MENTORING is…..

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Promote Discovery Internship -