



## Mission & Focus Areas

~ The Mission of the Conejo Valley Youth Ministry is to encourage and equip young people to become lifelong Christ followers through coming to know Jesus, learning to follow Him, and living to serve others.

Out of His great love, God sent His son Jesus to save us from our sin, give us new life through the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, and call us to follow Him in using our gifts to serve others and be a blessing to the world around us. As an integral part of God's family at Conejo, the youth will...

### **Come to Know >> Learn to Follow >> Live to Serve**

**Come to Know** – Within the context of the youth ministry program at Conejo, the youth will come to know God through their family's regular investment in the life of the larger family of God at Conejo. In this area we focus on fostering healthy **small groups** where the youth are unconditionally welcomed and accepted, where they have opportunities to **build lifelong friendships**, and where they are encouraged in weekly **bible study**.

**Learn to Follow** – Within the context of the youth ministry at Conejo, the youth will learn to follow God through discovering who they are in Christ and how they fit in God's family. The youth will learn to **identify and apply their spiritual gifts** for Kingdom work and be mentored by older Christians. In this area we focus on providing the youth with opportunities to bless others according to their gifts/talents and connecting them with **mentoring relationships** that provide training, encouragement, and accountability towards the application of their unique gifts/talents.

**Live to Serve** – Within the context of the youth ministry at Conejo, the youth will live to serve through taking greater ownership in their partnership with God in his redemptive work in the world. This manifests itself in various ways as we seek the Holy Spirit's lead and try to set students up for a life of serving others. In this area we focus on offering them a variety of **opportunities to serve** in the Conejo Valley and beyond.

The sections below help parents understand the purpose of each event/program and where it fits into the youth ministry mission and ministry focus areas. *A maturing Christ follower will be investing themselves in each of these focus areas.*

**COME TO KNOW >> (Relationships, Connection, Affirmation, Belonging, Bible Study)**

HS Winter Retreat (Feb)	“Middle School Madness” MS Retreat (March)
Promotion Sunday (June)	Sunday Night Student Led Devos
Middle School Welcome (Aug)	Freshman Kidnapping (Summer)
Various Summer Events (June to Aug)	Back to School Bash (Aug)
HS Pismo Retreat (Sept)	IMPACT middle school retreat (Nov)
HS & MS Pods (Sundays & Wednesdays)	Summer Bonfire Nights (June to Aug)
Youth Group game nights (Quarterly)	Pismo Camping Trip (Aug)
Memorial Day Picnic (May)	

**LEARN TO FOLLOW >> (Mentoring, Blessing, Intergenerational Relationships, Stories of Faith, Spiritual Challenge, Discover & Apply Spiritual Gifts)**

Mentor Sundays (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday a month)	Strengths Finder Workshop
MT Fellowship Fundraisers (Fall & Spring)	Mentor Program Events (Kickoff, Workshops, Parties)
Worship Potlucks (Monthly)	Springfest Youth Rally (Spring)
All Church Fall Retreat (Oct)	So Cal Teen Camp (July)
Kings Kamp (July)	IMPACT middle school retreat (Nov)
Extravagodysey (Dec)	Sweethearts Dinner
Senior Banquet (June)	

**LIVE TO SERVE >> (Serving the Community/World/Church, Joining God in His Kingdom work now)**

Armloads of Love (Nov)	Many Mansions Game Nights (Quarterly)
Conejo School Tutoring (Weekly)	Conejo School Workdays (Spring)
TO Royale Caroling (Dec)	Senior Saint Sundays (Quarterly)
VBS (June)	Mexico Mission Trip (June)
Middle School Mission Trip	Conejo Church Workdays
Youth Led Services	Harvest Festival (Oct)
Leading Children’s Worship (Weekly)	Parent Date Nights (2 per year)
Midnight Mission Lunch Serving	