

Sustainable Youth Ministry Online Book Study Syllabus

Dates of Course:

Begins - week of February 2nd

Ends - week of March 23rd

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Course Theme:

Why most youth ministry doesn't last and what your church can do about it. Traditionally, churches resort to handing the entire responsibility for youth ministry to youth directors to bring "their own vision" for youth ministry to the church. Therefore, the vision changes each time a new leader comes on board or ministries experience frustration for lack of vision. Floundering ministries are not a result of the inability to find "the right staff" but because churches have not first built the kind of "dance floor" that allows their ministry to thrive.

Format:

Participants will read the book Sustainable Youth Ministry, by Mark DeVries, in community with other leaders and respond to weekly discussion questions on the Facebook group page,

[EPC Student Ministries Book Study - Sustainable Youth Ministry](#), as led by Mark Steimer.

Weekly Schedule:

Read the chapters listed throughout the week, beginning on the date indicated below, and respond to discussion questions posted in the Group *

February 2	Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2
February 9	Chapters 3 and 4
February 16	Chapters 5 and 6
February 23	Chapters 7 and 8
March 2	Chapters 9 and 10
March 9	Chapters 11 and 12
March 16	Chapters 13 and Epilogue
March 23	Appendix and Concluding Discussion

*** NOTE: Depending on interest and participant availability, Conference Calls may be added to the study**