

Student Ministry Theology Basics

A concise, leader-friendly framework for staying rooted in Scripture and responding to student questions with humility.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

01

Read together

Let your leaders read the guide before the conversation.

02

Talk honestly

Use the prompts to name where the ministry is today.

03

Choose one move

Leave with a next step your team can actually take.

START THE CONVERSATION

What question do leaders need a confident, humble response for?

SECTION 01

Scripture

The Bible is the inspired Word of God and a trustworthy authority for truth and life. Culture and preference should not define the ministry's convictions. Scripture should.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- + Return students to what Scripture says.
- + Read passages in context.
- + Let truth shape both the message and the ministry culture.

SECTION 02

Jesus and salvation

Jesus is fully God and fully human. He lived without sin, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and is the only way to salvation. We are saved by grace through faith, not by works.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- + Keep Jesus at the center of every conversation.
- + Explain grace clearly.
- + Avoid reducing faith to moral behavior.

SECTION 03

The Spirit, repentance, baptism, and church

The Holy Spirit empowers believers to live godly lives and become more like Jesus. Repentance is turning from sin toward God. Baptism publicly expresses faith, and the church is the body of Christ where believers worship, grow, pray, serve, and live in community.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- + Teach repentance as surrender, not perfection.
- + Celebrate baptism as an outward expression of inward transformation.
- + Invite students into biblical community.

SECTION 04

Answer questions with humility

Leaders do not need every answer immediately. It is healthy to say, 'I do not know, but I will help us find out.' Seek Scripture, wise counsel, and follow-up instead of pretending.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- + Stay biblical, humble, honest, and prayerful.
- + Never fake spiritual authority.
- + Point students toward Jesus and continue the conversation.

MAKE THE NEXT STEP CLEAR

Choose one change your team can make this week. A simple, shared practice is more useful than a perfect plan that never begins.

CHOOSE A NEXT MOVE

Team decision: _____

Who will carry it forward: _____

When we will return to it: _____