

Faith Formation



If the CHURCH is a DOG...

YOUTH are the NOSE...

Youth always sniff out what is next,
long before the rest of the Church catches on.

The National Study of Youth and Religion

Christian Smith, University of Notre Dame

Spiritual Development in Youth

Search Institute

The State of Youth Ministry

Barna Research Group

Lifelong Faith Formation

Jon Roberto

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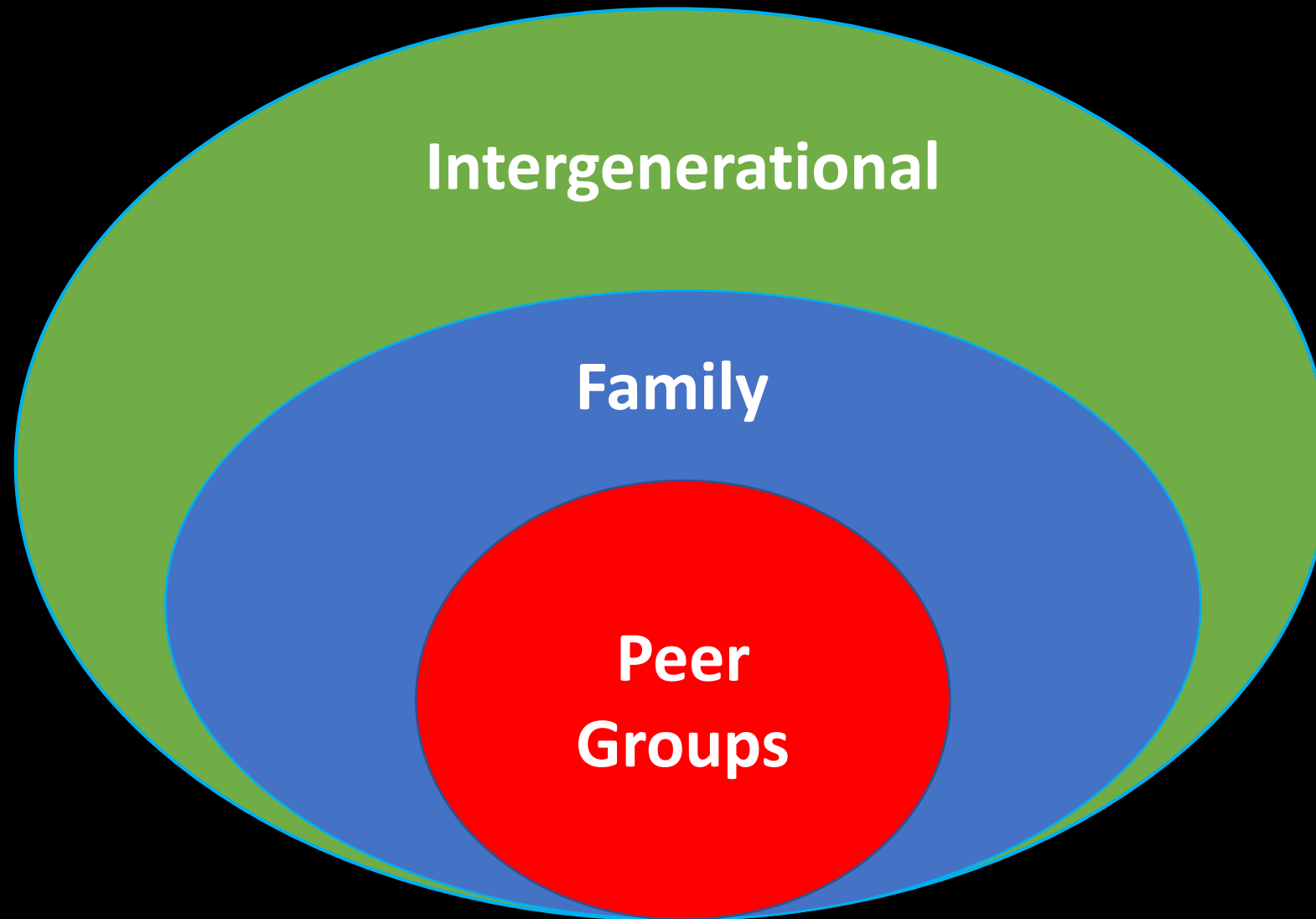
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Curriculum Poems Scripture

Faith Forming Environments



Youth who go to ALL youth group events, camps, etc. are still LESS likely to become and adult leader in the Church than youth who attend church with a family member or older adult and talk about what they experience afterwards.

Healthy Relationships

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Express Care

Challenge Growth

Provide Support

Share Power

Expand Possibilities

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Express Care



- * Be dependable and trusting
- * Listen and pay attention when together
- * Believe in me and make me know I'm valued
- * Be warm and show you enjoy my presence
- * Encourage me with praise for my efforts

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Challenge Growth



- *Expect my best and share your expectations
- *Stretch me – push me to go further
- *Hold me accountable and teach responsibility
- *Help me reflect on my failures to learn

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Provide Support



- *Respect me and take me seriously
- *Include me in decisions that impact me & peers
- *Collaborate with me to solve problems
- *Create opportunities for me to take action & lead

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Expand Possibilities

- *Inspire me to see the potential in my future
- *Broaden my horizons with new ideas, places & experiences
- *Connect me with others who can help me grow

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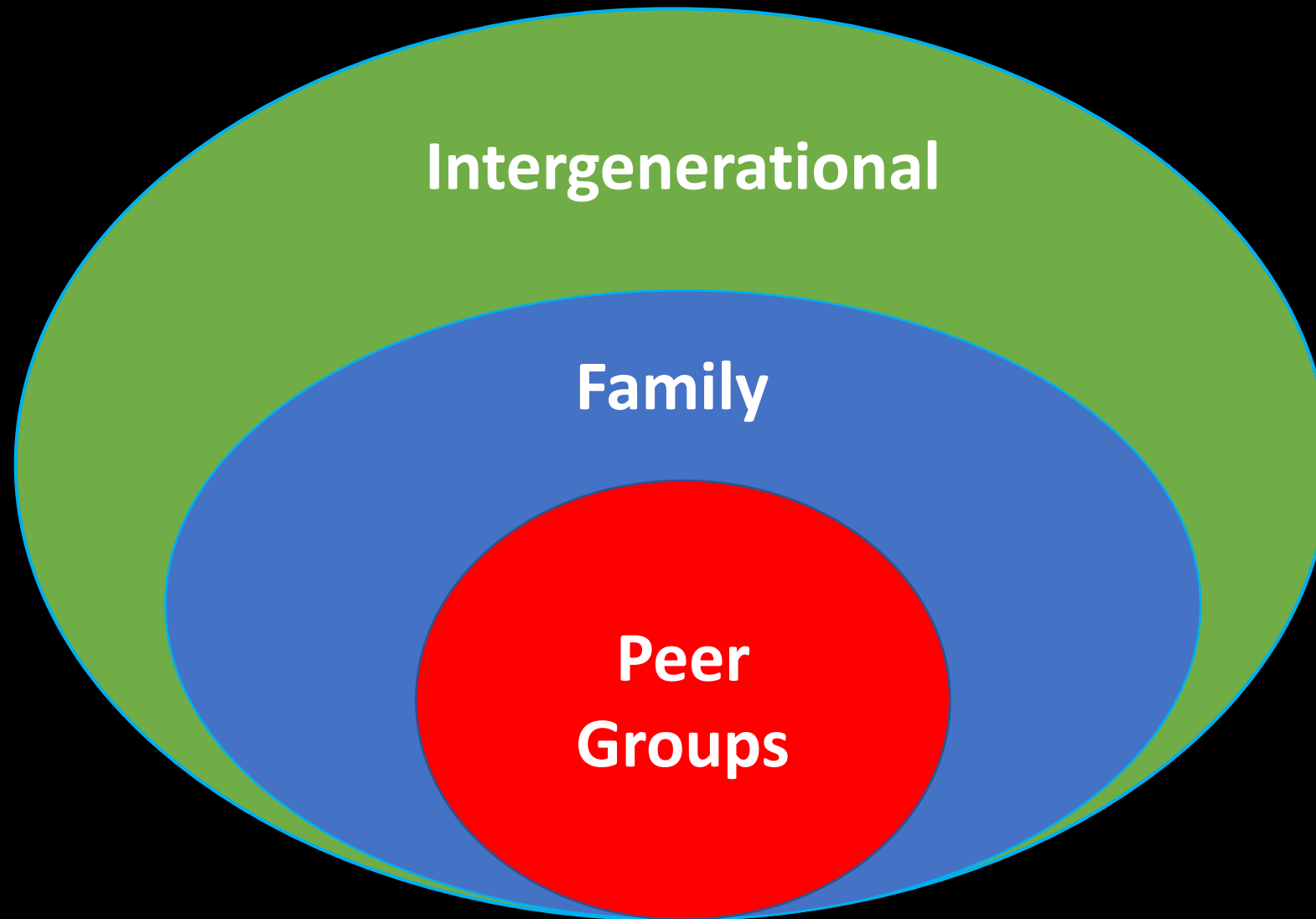
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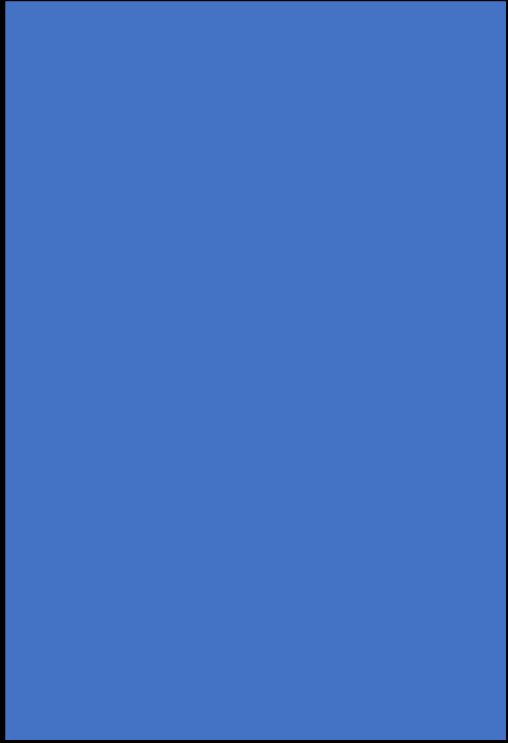
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New Ways To Connect



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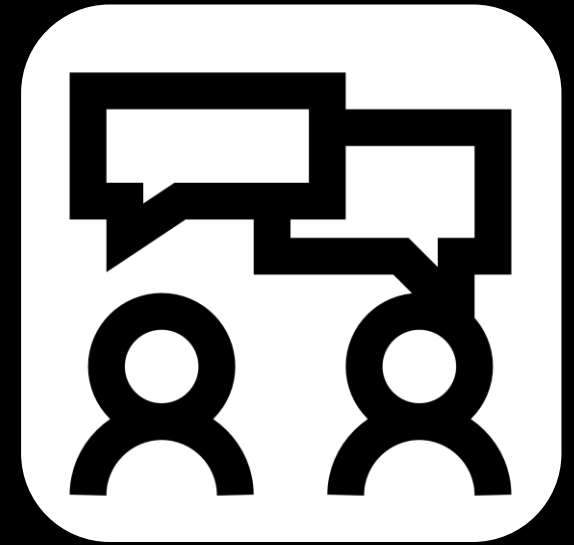
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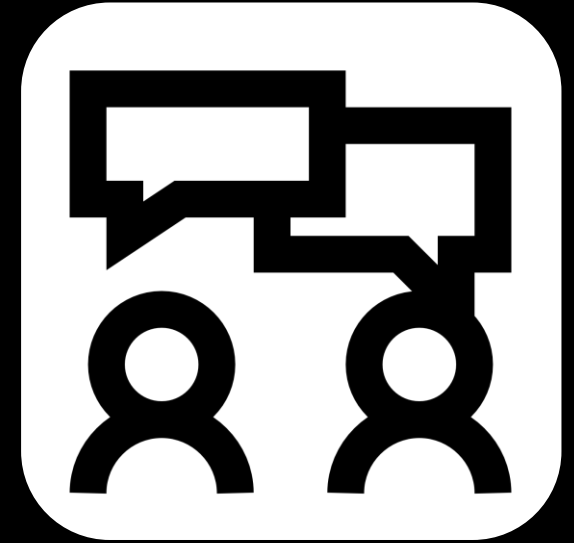
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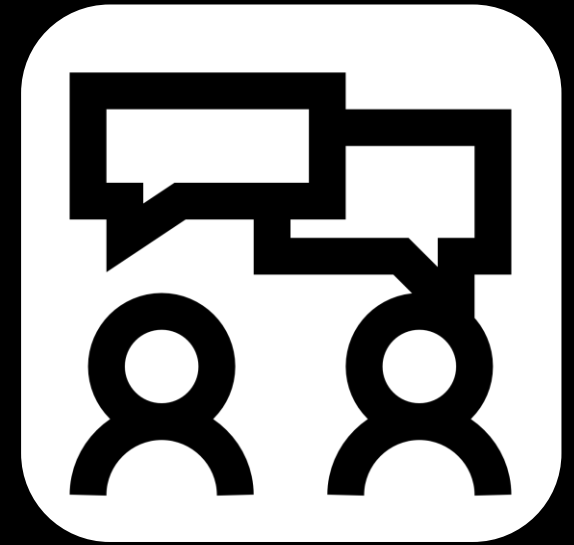
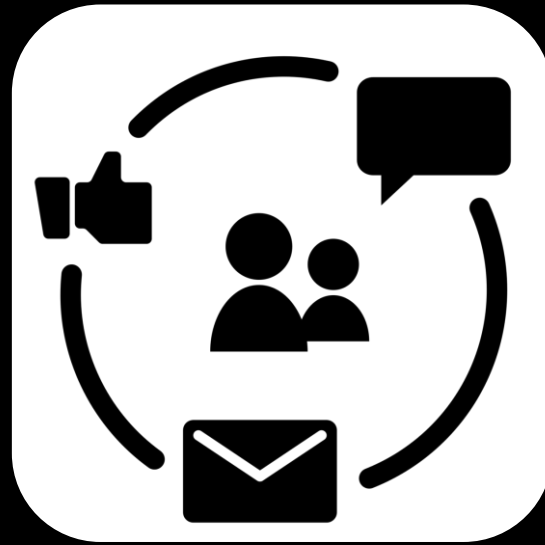
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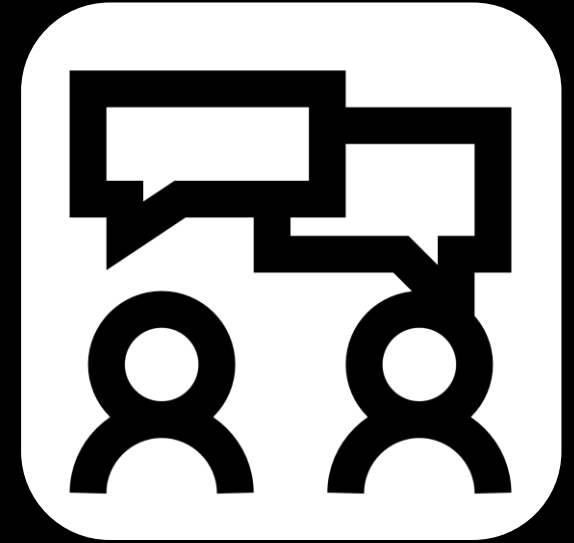
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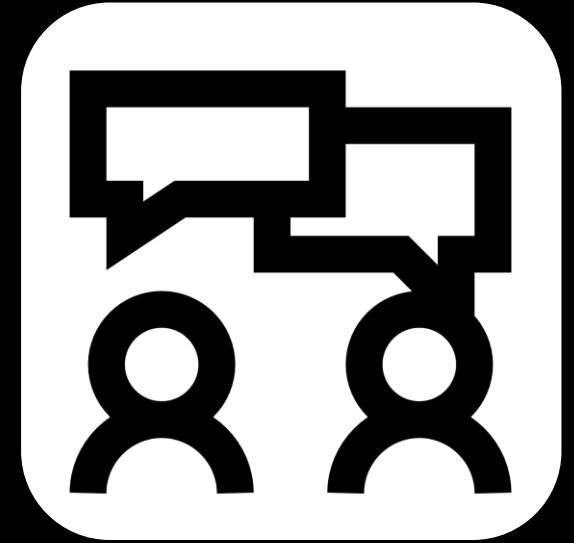
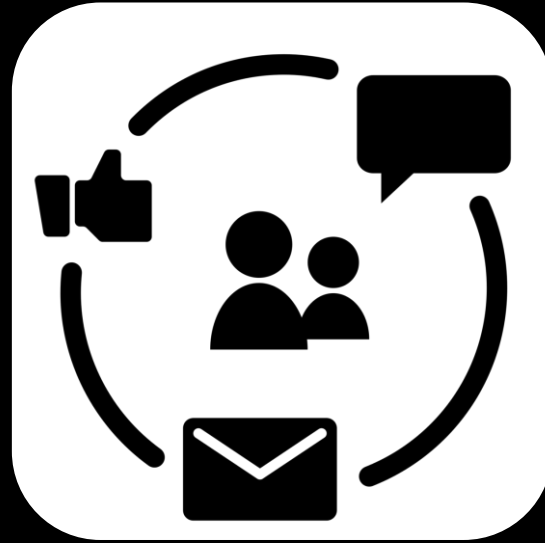
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**A Ministry doesn't
happen in a time
or place...**

**Ministry is
formation of a
person,**

**Where we are
blessed to
participate.**

Post-Youth Group

Post-Attractional

Post-Outsourced

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