



# LIVING ABUNDANTLY YOUTHVISION

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## **Dare 2B Uncommon S.E.A of Activities**

**Spiritual Intelligence Programs**  
**Emotional Literacy Programs**  
**Accountability**



### **Uncover Your Greatness Challenge**

Don't know your *identity*? Needless to say, your *true identity* lies in your *greatness*. *Uncover your greatness* and you will find your *true identity*. By completing this simple but challenging exercise you will be on the path to finding your ***True Identity***, while ***Uncovering your Greatness!***

### **Friendship Evangelism Challenge**

When helping members capture a vision for the lost, we have to give them baby steps they can handle. This process is what we call our friendship evangelism challenge. While it is more of a verbal challenge than an actual program, we still refer to it as the primary program we use to reach community members.

### **Hot-night Events**

One of the best ways to complement the Friendship Evangelism Challenge and reach community members is to help our community during times when teenagers most likely need a place to go. Times like New Year's Eve, prom night, graduation night, and Halloween--any night when community members will be on a party hunt. The Fellowship will provide support to the community by sponsoring an event that will draw unchurched members away from unwholesome parties and/or trouble to a safe, fun place. Hot nights serve as the perfect alternative for our regular members who have a tough time bringing community members to our crowd program. Our plan is to have three to four Hot-night events during the year at various locations simultaneously.

### **Weekend Worship Services**

Our worship services are mostly youth-run although adult hosts will be in attendance. Our weekend services are about an hour and ten minutes long. Initially we will offer one service but gradually increase as the demand increases. Our services are on Sundays at 2:00 pm EST.

### **New Believers Class**

Once a month we host a class for new believers that cover the basics of the faith. Our new-believer curriculum has six sessions, and we teach one session per month and encourage new Christians to return for the other five classes. This class is also in a workbook form for members to do on their own and then discuss in their small groups.

### **Dinner for Ten**

At Dinner for Ten, we invite crowd members who are visiting or feel unconnected to dinner. We eat together; share our history; tell about who we are; and try to help the unconnected connect. Besides praying before the meal, there is nothing overtly spiritual about the program.

## **TNT: Teens 'N' Temptation**

This is a weekly meeting for members struggling with all different types of temptations-often chemical related. Our Ministry has established a Christian recovery program with enthusiastic volunteer leaders who have brought the recovery concept to the youth and young adult level.

### **Ministry Teams**

Any member can join a ministry team at any time. Each team is overseen by a student ministry team leader. We presently have thirty ministry teams which serve others in some capacity.

- art
- audio
- band
- baby-sitting
- camping
- careers
- cancer support
- cooking
- computers
- drama
- engineering
- greeting
- incoming transition
- jackets for Jesus
- meals for the needy
- missions
- mountain biking
- office work
- photography
- prayer
- recycling
- science
- sign language
- singers
- skateboarding
- surfing
- technology
- video
- weekend setup
- world shoe relief

Each ministry team sets their own date and time to meet. These teams offer a fun and easy way to get members involved. Some teams will have adult supervision, while others are led by our core members.

### **Class 101**

This is our new membership class and one of four classes in our life-development process. During this class the basics of salvation and the biblical principles of our ministry are taught. The five core values, our programs, and how a member can support our ministry are also discussed.

### **GET REAL!**

The hallmark of Dare2BUncommon is our *personalized, individual spiritual growth and emotional growth development plan*. One of the best ways to identify the spiritual condition and health of every teen and young adult is to Get Real. It means that we are honest about the spiritual condition of our doubting teens and young adults, and we help them work through their doubt to faith. We call this process "Spiritual Formation."

### **Area Bible Study Small Groups**

Our small groups meet at homes in their community. These weekly meetings are called Area Bible Studies (ABS). While the ABS has a time of Bible study, most of the time is spent building a small-group community. The strategic positioning of our meeting places throughout the community allows us to reach more members who can't get a ride to the ministry events.

### **Class 201**

After members have taken Class 101, we offer Class 201, which focuses on the habits Christians need to develop in order to grow in their faith. During this class we teach about the HABITS (see Discipleship Tools). At the end of the class, members are given an opportunity to commit to the habits of spiritual growth and are given some of the tools that will help them grow. During this course, we also assess our *personalized, individual spiritual growth and development plan*, introduced in New Believers Class and Class 101.

## **Jesus Plus Nothing**

Jesus Plus Nothing introduces the significance of Living in Jesus Christ under the New Covenant. Its primary focus is to teach and support young adults to live in Christ Jesus; to develop a mind of Christ; and how to become effective disciples of Jesus Christ. Our objective is to provide a solid foundation in the Word of God. Our intention is to enable our young people to go wide with the gospel as they grow deep in the truth of God's Word.

### **“Meet You Where You Are”**

We will meet young adults' right where they are by first offering our “Meet You Where You Are” customized sessions. Whether they are confused, have doubt, grief stricken, or frustrated with life, our “Meet You Where You Are” sessions are designed to do exactly that, meet them where they are in life regardless of the circumstances. The purpose of this campaign is to provide life support to our young adults especially those who are desperately seeking it. The purpose of laying out a curriculum is to provide a framework of the study to follow. Our objective is to get feedback and the buy in from the young adults to further shape the Jesus Plus Nothing Young Adult Ministry.

### **New Covenant of Jesus Christ**

The New Covenant encompasses grace, we will not only teach grace, grace is God's operating system. Within the New Covenant the old self dies, and we become new people in Christ. Within the New Covenant we are totally forgiven of all of our sins. The biggest thing to grasp in the New Covenant is we are not in the equation, its Jesus Plus Nothing! We are merely beneficiaries through grace.

### **Identify the Strategies of Satan**

We introduce a Basic Discipleship Series for the New Christian in order to teach God's purpose. This is an eight-lesson series for new believers or for Christians not as familiar with the Bible as they would like to be. This series provides a solid foundation in the Word of God, the one true faith. Satan's strategy is to deceive, distract, and destroy. Satan lives to keep the unsaved lost and believers ineffective in reaching the lost and ministering to each other

### **Gospel Journey**

Sharing the gospel with someone else is like taking them on a journey with six stops along the way. This journey begins in Genesis chapter one with the creation of humanity and concludes with the last chapter of the Bible, Revelation chapter twenty-two. Through this series, young adults will gain an understanding of the storyline of the Bible and it will provide six easy definitions to the word gospel.

### **Effectively Share Their Faith**

Before any one of us can become effective in sharing our faith, we must get educated on the different worldviews we may come up against. This series will effectively help young adults to share their faith with someone from a totally different world view. It focuses on fourteen predominant worldviews and uses them to equip young people to better understand where their friends are coming from and how to effectively launch into spiritual conversations.

### **Continual “Soul Fuel” to Develop an Evangelistic Mindset**

Soul Fuel gives young adults fuel for the mission! Soul Fuel teaches trains and equips young adults for the mission of sharing the gospel. This weekly resource will teach biblical truth in an engaging, friendly style through movies, music, TV and trends; helping them to develop an evangelistic mindset. Soul Fuel is organized by 30 key questions about some of the core truths of Christianity. Soul Fuel will help to mobilize our young adults to relationally and relentlessly reach their generation for Christ.

## **Engaging Activities and Seminars**

Dare2BUncommon enhances its curriculum by instituting social networking avenues such as various activities and educational seminars. With the help of the internet, we will fully utilize the power of social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter to promote our group and to help get our message out.

## **Discipleship Tools**

Before we can identify appropriate resources to help our members develop spiritual habits, and their *personalized, individual spiritual growth and development plan*, we must first identify the habits we want teens and young adults to carry with them when they leave home. Developing these six HABITS are vital for lifelong independence, spiritual growth, and to maintain an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **Praise and Worship**

We set aside time when our entire agenda is to honor God through praise and prayer. It's not heavily promoted, but many committed members who want to express themselves to God through an extended time of singing. Since our singing time is limited at our weekend worship services and we don't sing at Area Bible Studies, some members hunger for a longer time of worship in song.

## **Missions Monthly**

On a monthly basis, we conduct some type of formal or informal missions' project in our community or in another country. When we are not taking a mission's trip, we are participating in two student-run ministries called World Shoe Relief and Jackets for Jesus.

## **Bible Institute**

We offer the Bible Institute to provide our committed members with more in-depth education. Once a month, we teach one three-hour class on the Bible, Theology, or Apologetics. We have twenty-four classes under those three main headings. In the Bible classes, we teach an overview of all of the books and major passages in the Bible; Introduction to Theology; in the Apologetics (defense of the faith) track, we study truth that will help members tell others why they believe what they do.

## **Class 301**

After members take classes 101 and 201, they take Class 301, in which we help them identify their spiritual gifts, temperaments, and talents to see how God has shaped them for ministry. This is the class they must take if they want to begin their own ministry in the fellowship.

## **Ministry Team Leader**

When members complete Class 301 and fill out a S.H.A.P.E. profile (see Student Leadership for explanation of S.H.A.P.E.), they usually either start a ministry or become the leader of an existing ministry. These leaders also become the liaison for communication between the members on ministry teams (see Ministry Teams) and our adult leadership. As with student leadership, leaders in our ministry take the role of servants.

## **Student Leadership**

At Dare2BUncommon we make it very clear that we raise our expectations for the members we entrust with the title leader. We believe that the teens and young adults we place in roles of leadership need not only be committed to attending (crowd), committed to other believers through a small group (congregation), committed to growing spiritually on their own (committed), and committed to ministry (core), but also committed to a lifestyle that pursues godliness, honors God, and is above question.

We also help members discover their gifts. We teach our entire fellowship body that God has uniquely "shaped" every individual to do something in ministry. We teach them the five elements that can help them discover their personal ministry by using the acronym S.H.A.P.E.

### **Class 401**

This is the last stop in our process. In this class, we begin by reviewing all the basics from the other three classes (101, 201, 301). We give members some practical tools to write a life mission statement that will characterize their walk with Christ as well as their call to make a difference in the world. At the end of the class, members are given an opportunity to commit to one of the extended mission trips our church provides.

### **Discovering My Greatness**

At Dare2BUncommon we believe before anyone can truly love their neighbor, they first have to love themselves. This series teaches youth and youth adults the importance of loving oneself. The series ventures through topics such as Self Esteem, Self-Worth, Self-Image, and Self Confidence. It was created to empower our members in making better decisions, being accountable, taking responsibility for their actions, and falling madly in love with themselves.



## **Dare 2B Uncommon Community Driven Programs**



### **Parent Partnership Program (PPP)**

Our Parents Partnership Programs (PPP) is designed specifically for enriching and expanding the partnership between our ministry and home. This program provides comprehensive workshops in a safe, stress free environment to enhance parenting, teaching skills, and family spiritual development. We partner with parents to empower parents to seek out opportunities for creative expression, successes in life, and to give back to the community.

### **Club 52**

Research has proven those teens that have an adult mentor, a person to whom they can turn to for help, advice, wisdom and guidance, would be less likely to engage in high-risk behaviors than those without an adult mentor. Club 52 is a Community Mentor program that provides a sufficiently strong set of relationships, sense of purpose and whole-life coaching/mentoring. We offer guidance from the faith community in matters of vocation or calling. Our intentions are to give teens and young adults a sense of how the Bible applies to their calling and interests.

### **Initiative & Challenge**

The I'm BOOKed!™ Initiative is a grass roots reading campaign created by DreamMart International, LLC to get kids hooked on books. So, Dare2BUncommon and DreamMart International are bringing together strategic business, education, faith and philanthropic partners to pilot this initiative.

### **Financial Peace University**

This life-changing program teaches our congregation and our community to achieve their financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. They will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for their money and change their family tree forever.

### **Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship**

Bringing the power of entrepreneurship education to young people in our community! Because LAY's primary focus is to serve young people, especially those in low-income communities, LAYV has formed a solid partnership with Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE).

### **HIV/AIDS Educational Outreach**

Despite our nation's progress in reducing HIV infections, the illness is increasingly being reported among people 13 to 29 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Too many young people in the United States (US) are at risk for HIV infection.

### **The View Support Group**

While researchers are working hard to develop a cure or vaccine for HIV, it is important for HIV positive individuals to attend to all aspects of their health. In addition to antiretroviral therapy that promotes physical well-being, HIV support groups offer comfort and assistance on the mental and emotional levels. Dare2BUncommon offers to our community “The View,” an HIV Support Group that helps meet the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS, their loved ones and caregivers. Caregivers include a variety of people--loved ones of persons living with AIDS (PLWAs), buddies, health care professionals, and facilitators of support groups.

### **Let’s Move**

Former First Lady Michelle Obama has challenged faith-based and neighborhood organizations to get involved in Let’s Move Faith and Communities. Dare2BUncommon has accepted the challenge! Let’s Move is designed to help us promote healthy living for children and our community. As trusted leaders, we are essential partners in helping to solve the problems that lead to childhood obesity and addressing related issues of hunger. Through our partnering, LAYV offers many lessons about healthy living and well-being in faith- and community-based settings that set the foundation for children's lifestyles as adults.