



>>> Discussion summary

# Equipping – A minimum standard To increase national gospel effectiveness

## We considered these kinds of questions

- How important is outreach equipping and why?
- What's most-logically in the 'curriculum' to teach?
- Might we be able to agree on a minimum standard?
- How might we build a culture together that embraces at least that minimum standard – so the work of the gospel itself has at least that level of focus?
- What support resources exist to help youth movements & groups?

## Principles we agree upon

1. **Motivate** E.g. Via annual and quarterly vision casting
2. **Equip** E.g. Via annual or quarterly equipping
3. **Reinforce**  
Via intentional discussion and role-play activities in smaller groups, noting we remember 10% of what we hear, 40% of what we say and 70% of what we do.
4. **Remind**  
Via intentional later repetition of key learning points – E.g. 2 and 3 weeks later, and 2, 4 and 6 months later - to shift lessons to long term memory, in pursuit of life-long application.
5. **Model**  
Via the testimony of the leader (role-modelling), as also regularly testimonies from youth, showing what application looks like while motivating.
6. **Consistency**  
We apply the above leadership *habits* every year for the rest of our lives as leaders – valuing the building of culture over short-term topics & programmes.

## Habits that embody the above principles: A 'Gold standard'

- **Daily** – prayer for those we desire to encourage toward faith
- **Weekly** – storytelling / testimony. (We celebrate what we value.)
- **Monthly** – student activation (vision, prayer)
- **Quarterly** – evangelism training, vision, prayer)
- **Annually** – a catalytic event for outreach and equipping

## An outline for outreach training content:

- It is centrally about equipping to tell **God's story** (the gospel).
- A **relational** and **conversational** approach / skillset is needed.
- As evidence, we tell **our own stories** (testimony), then wisely asking **questions**.
- We extend **invitations** (teamwork).

**Resources:** Dare2Share.org Godtalk.nz Catalyst's Training Room. The Unfinished Story. People in this room who can equip both youth and leaders for their mission – some for whom this very thing is their primary work.

**Note:** The nature of application sits under the autonomy of each leader.

**To do:** Will we now each *decisively and strategically implement training and resourcing via all available mechanisms we each have, mirroring the above, to empower our nation's youth leaders and youth for their mission? Will we give equipping for our mission a place of priority in the conferences and similar we lead?*