



EPISODE 2: IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

EPISODE NOTES

Thank you for joining and listening to the second episode of MOP Voice! We pray it's a blessing.

In this episode, our National Youth Secretary speaks on the importance of Youth Ministry and how to identify a call to ministry.

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Called to Youth Ministry

Ministry must be seen outside of a title or credential but rather towards a God-given purpose. Serving at whatever magnitude is part of ministry, even behind the scenes.

Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in manner of living, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

"When God calls you just listen and you make yourself available" – Dr. Oswaldo Moreno

What am I called to do?

There is a difference between "Who am I?" and what I'm called to do. You may be on the developmental spectrum trying to figure out who you are but God already called you to serve in His kingdom.

“We have to be passionate for who we’re serving and the impacts it has; God has given us gifts to serve the Kingdom of God”

How to Build an Effective Youth Ministry

“Every ministry we do must be tied to a community need” – Dr. Oswaldo Moreno

Working together as a team for specific needs, God has called us to certain geographical areas because of the needs that exist there.

What Voice are we Hearing?

What voice are you hearing? In the flesh we are insecure but through Christ we are secure. If God is calling me that’s where I’m secure. Let God take control of your ministry.

“If you step out in Faith and you have the want to see revival, God will use you”
– Eleazar Chavez

“In ministry, you have to love God and love people, we must ask ourselves what are we loving about ministry?” – Dr. Oswaldo Moreno

The Heart: God looks at the heart. What is within will always reflect greater; having our heart in the right place is so important when it comes to working with youth. There is a difference between the behavioral checklist and really operating on the principle of grace and love.

“Jesus taking up the cross was seen as atypical, but it was done as an act of love”

God has called you to be you. God has anointed you and appointed you for a specific purpose.

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