

Relationally Committed

This past week, I took a team of students to partner with our sister church in Jackson, MI. This was our third year walking alongside Ganson Street Baptist Church, reaching their community with backyard Bible clubs. Over the years, Jackson, MI, has transformed from a location into an extended family. As I reflect on the impact of our time there, I see so clearly God's hand upon the community of brothers and sisters in Christ and the blessings of relational ministry.

One of the pillars of the Venture Church Network is to be Relationally Committed. The relationships our team has fostered with the church and community in Jackson form a tight bond and easily bridge the distance between us. The drive of the VCN Midwest to bring pastors and youth pastors into a relational community benefits more than a single location, it advances the church universal.

During a late-night talk with Chad Tyson, the Youth Pastor at GSBC, he brought to my attention the drive humanity has to create. Just as God is the creator of all, our drive to create is an act of worship and an attribute of Him. This comment made me come back to the drawing board and revisit the purpose of the VCN Midwest Youth Pastor Collaboration. What are we building? What is being created because of our time together?

Wrestling with these questions, I want to build a community of people who work with youth to construct a biblical, discipleship-driven ministry that is focused on reaching the youth across our network, rejoicing over wins at each location and offering encouragement and accountability to each person. I have a lot more to flesh out in these building plans, but I invite you to come alongside me as we in the VCN Midwest build up youth ministry for the Kingdom of God.

One way to do this is to join our monthly Zoom meetings. This month we will meet Monday, July 29th, at 10:00 am CST.