

Teen Leadership Group Summary

Introduction

Purpose: Gather feedback from Teen Leadership (ages 13-18) to improve Norval's youth experience.

Topics covered:

- What teens like about Norval
- Suggested programming improvements
- Qualities desired in a new youth leader
- Emotional check-in

What Do You Like About Norval?

- Welcoming environment
- Strong sense of family and belonging
- Opportunities to serve
- Comfort from leadership (Jen)
- Enjoyment of camp activities

What Needs Improvement?

- More interactive services
- More charity events
- Continue Kids' Garden program
- Increase youth involvement in AV booth
- More youth Bible study & youth nights
- More musical opportunities for youth
- Theme nights: Movie nights, sleep overs, Bake nights

Qualities in a New Youth Leader

- Cares about youth and younger kids
- Builds relationships beyond church
- Calming presence
- Good with camp activities
- Supports and affirms youth values
- Approachable & social media savvy
- Engages with youth in their environment

How Are You Feeling?

- Appreciative of having a voice
- Sad about Jen leaving
- Some feel uncertain about the future

Conclusion & Next Steps

Recommendations:

1. Maintain valued programs like camp and service opportunities.
2. Introduce new initiatives like interactive services, Bible studies, and youth nights.
3. Select a new youth leader based on identified qualities.
4. Provide emotional support during the leadership transition.

Next Steps

- Town Hall this Sunday after Church
- Youth Town hall for grade 3 & up will be held at the same time in alternate space (either Youth room or heritage Chapel)

Teen leadership would like a seat at the table during the adult town hall to ensure their voice is heard by all