

Below are quotes from the evaluations returned after our first sessions of the Christian Youth Leadership Challenge. We have never seen such positive evaluations after anything we have done in the past! These young High Schoolers were enthusiastic and mature in many of their responses. They truly grasped the concepts of the training and internalized them.

Evaluations of the Christian Youth Leadership Challenge - June 2009

What was the highlight of your experience

- Even though I served with all my heart, I gained more from the kids. I love them so much. This experience will be a highlight not only of my summer but my life.
- Working together as a team, accomplishing difficult tasks, and growing through being with the kids.
- Seeing the children smile and laugh, even after they refused to have fun.

What will you take away from the experience?

- Love, encouragement, laughter, jokes go a long way and softens the heart.
- Putting my best into serving other and getting their (appreciation) in return.
- I can work really hard if I put my mind to it.
- Try and live like they do with joy and energy, how to serve others and love them.
- For the guys session I had to step out of my comfort zone – this I will take away.
- The joy of serving.
- The importance of compassion and love.
- I can never encourage too much. Being patient is always best.
- I can be bold and risky mistakes are good experiences. I need to have self-knowledge so that I can fight against sadness that may dwell within.

What will you take away from training?

- How to trust my team, how to work together as a team.
- Try and live above the line all the time, say “maybe” when I don’t want to see the other’s opinion, each day, choose to make it a good day.
- The 90/10 rule, the 80/20 and everything about leadership.
- Stepping outside your comfort zone, leading through being a servant, working together, learning the lessons from the mistakes but forgetting the mistake.
- I am the one to choose to have a good or bad day. You get out of it what you put into it.

What do you think about this training material being given to other high school youth groups in a retreat format?

- It would be really good. I learned a ton from the material.
- I support the idea!
- I think anyone you give this material to would benefit a lot from it.
- That would be awesome – they could learn so much from it.
- I think it will be really helpful.
- I think the training was great and very helpful, and so was just the learning and working with kids to experience it. I have learned a lot from the material I learned about, and I feel that it would be really helpful to those other high school youth.
- This was the most fun I have had in a long time. Please keep doing it.