

# 10 STP Personal Ministry Idea's

## **Ten Ways Christian Teens Can Make a Difference**

Christians are called to reach out to the world they live in. Volunteering some of your time to outreach activities can be very rewarding both for you and the people you help. Most times actions speak louder than words when you are trying to witness to people. Participating in outreach activities can help show the world around you Christ's love. (John 3:16) Here are some outreach activities you can get started in our youth group:

### **Assisted Living/Nursing Home Ministry**

People in nursing homes tend to be lonely and disconnected from the world. You can contact various nursing homes in your area to see what types of activities you can do with the residents there. You can get your group together to read stories, write letters, just talk, put on skits, and more.

### **Homeless Ministry**

There are so many homeless people roaming the streets. You can contact a local homeless shelter to see what you can do to participate.

### **Tutoring/Mentoring**

You don't have to be a genius to help out young kids with their homework. Some kids just don't get the attention or help they need. You can contact social services in your area to see what they are doing in certain neighborhoods for kids. Work with the neighborhood centers to set up tutoring in low-income neighborhoods.

### **Project/Craft Donation**

Are there some students in your youth group that like to sew, knit, paint, etc. There are programs that knit hats and scarves for the needy, sick, or even our military over-sea's. There are also organizations that need blankets and clothing. See if your fellow craft-minded teens would like to get involved.

### **Fesitival/Prom Dress Exchange**

Prom season can be rough on teens that don't have a lot of money to buy new dresses. You can start a prom dress exchange so that people who need a new dress can get one for free. You can also do a donation to teens that need a dress and cannot buy one. It is also a great to get, and be involved.

### **Christmas Tree/Gift Delivery**

Sometimes families cannot afford a tree or they cannot transport trees on their own. Your youth group can get together to deliver Christmas trees to local families.

### **Holiday Dinner Delivery**

See if you can get families in your church to donate turkeys or money to buy turkeys and then offer to deliver them to needy families. Just be sure if you are delivering items to dangerous areas that you go with a leader, or even ask for police support. You always want to be safe.

### **Town/Road Clean Up**

If you see an area that needs some work, you can contact an official there to see if there is something you can do about it. Contact your police or public works department to see about cleaning up playgrounds, painting over graffiti, etc. Talk to you elementary schools to check into painting a mural. Make your town more colorful and clean. People will notice your efforts.

### **Reading Program**

Little kids love when people read to them. Pre-schoolers will crawl in your lap and just eat it up. It also helps to promote literacy. Check with local pre-schools, neighborhood centers, and libraries to see if there is a time your youth group can come in to read to the children. Your group can read both Christian and Non-Christian books and act out skits to entertain the kids.

### **Personal Service Day**

You can set up a service outreach group at your church for Service Days. On those days you can help a specific individuals like seniors, veterans, single moms, etc. You can cook, clean, do the shopping, etc. for those people who need it. Have people sign up for services or contact members of the church to help out.

While all of these ideas are excellent outreach opportunities, there are plenty more out there. If your church is doing an outreach program, God be Praised! If you have any ideas, let us know so we can get working on helping you execute your Christ Empowered Opportunity.



