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# 01. Courageous Ministry



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“We are always apart of the culture. The difference is, we can be passive observers of the culture or active participants and shapers of the culture.”

-Voddie Baucham



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# "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

-(Matthew 16:18b) The Lord Jesus Christ

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"We were seeing a small but statistically significant increase in emotional disorders," in particular, depression and anxiety. "And this is before we hit the pandemic,"

"One Study focusing on children ages 4 to 10, found that the level of lockdown greatly affected mental health and behavioral issues, with England's first complete lockdown greatly exacerbating issues from hyperactivity to depression."

"Another U.K. longitudinal study began with a pre-pandemic baseline and then revisited subjects, collecting data monthly through 2020. The initial data from this study suggested those ages 16 to 24 were doing "particularly badly," experiencing symptoms of anxiety and depression."

"Overall, she concluded, the pandemic had a more severe impact on children and young people already struggling with pre-existing issues from emotional problems to socioeconomic deprivation."

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"Another study looked at teens, who may have felt particularly isolated during lockdown. "Peer relationships are so important with older teens," Ford said. Without these connections, anxiety appeared to spike."

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## Friendship

Three Core Needs are met in friendships

1. A Sense of Belonging
2. A Sense of Worth
3. A Sense of Competence

## Nature and Adventure

- *"Strong Evidence to support benefits for kids from spending time outside."* - WSU
- *Lack of play has led to a "development dip" for babies born during the Pandemic.* - NIH

## Adult Mentors

- Kids spend less than 40 minutes in meaningful conversation with their parents each week. At camp, caring adults, come alongside campers, helping them think through decisions and experiences in a way that will prepare them for their future.

## Community

- Leadership
- Communication
- Participation

## Transformed Lives

- The Gospel Impact
- Every man, woman, and child who enters your grounds needs to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Learn to Serve

- First Jobs
- Skill Development
- Discipleship

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## Courageous Ministry

What is one way you are showing courage today in how you are leading your ministry?

In what area of your ministry does courage need to grow?

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Why be courageous in ministry?

- Kids need connection.
- Kids need to get outside.
- Kids need the Lord Jesus.

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## 02. Engaging Ministry



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**01. Be *Present*** *(Daniel 4:8)*

**02. Be *Known*** *(Daniel 4:9)*

**03. Be *For Them*** *(Daniel 4:20)*

**04. Be *Ready*** *(Daniel 4:27)*

**05. Be *Patient*** *(Daniel 4:34-37)*

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## Engaging Ministry

Does your camp ministry focus more on insulating your camp from the culture or engaging with the culture?

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## 03. Wise Ministry



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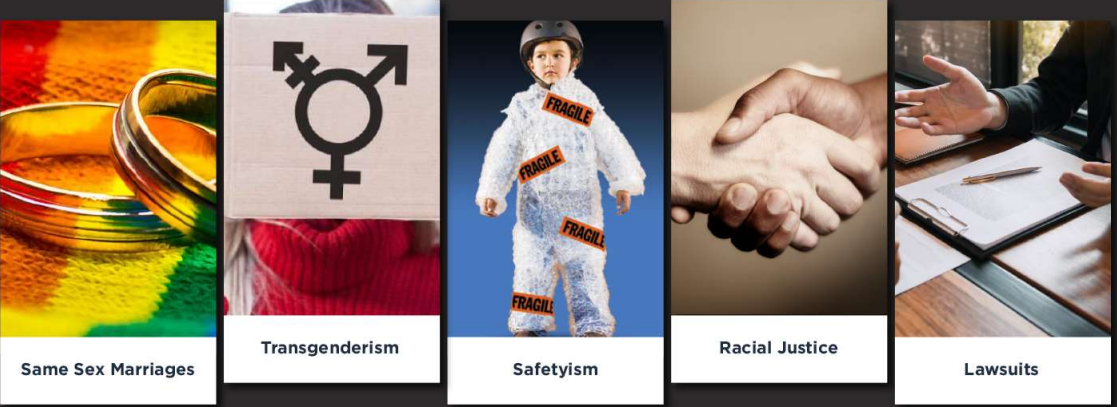
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**“Behold, I am sending you out as *sheep* in the midst of wolves, so be **wise as serpents** and **innocent as doves**.”**

-(Matthew 10:16) The Lord Jesus Christ



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Same Sex Marriages

Transgenderism

Safetyism

Racial Justice

Lawsuits

# Cultural Threats?

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## Get up to date now!

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- When is the last time you reviewed your articles of incorporation?  
Jon Glock: <https://www.believerstewardship.org>
- Does your Camp have an attorney?  
Jonathan Ruybalid – CCCA: [jrlaw15@gmail.com](mailto:jrlaw15@gmail.com)
- Does your Camp use Ministry Safe?  
<https://ministrysafe.com>
- Proper Documentation for Contracted Employees?
- Is your Statement of Faith too Unique?
- Are you a member of CCCA?
- Protection from Government Overreach?

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## Social Position Statement:

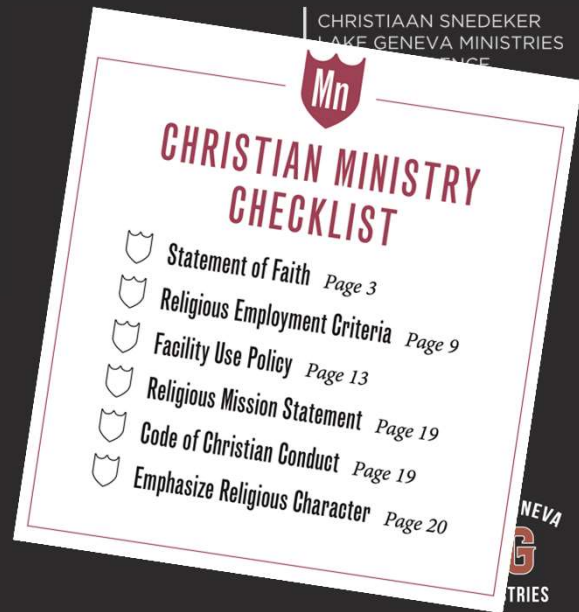
Require all employees to sign a statement affirming that they agree with your organization's statement of faith

Require all employees to sign a statement affirming that they are willing to abide by your organization's standards of conduct

List religious job descriptions for every employment position, taking special note of any ministerial positions

List religious grounds for limiting employment opportunities

Consistently apply all employment standards



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## Alliance for Defending Freedom

• <https://adflegal.org>



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**What is one wise step you can take after this meeting?**



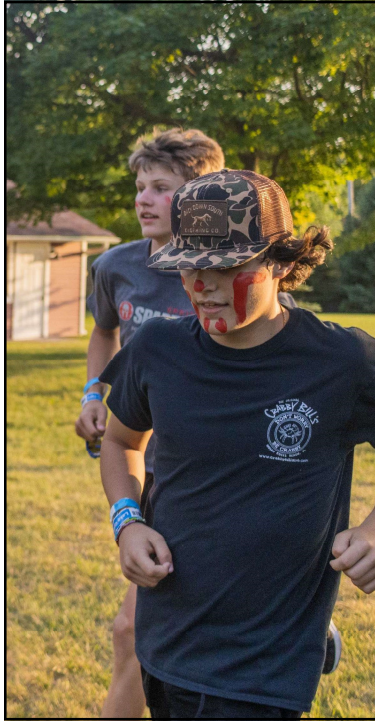
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## 04. Compassionate Ministry

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## Remember

- God so loved the world.
- So, **Stand Firm**.
- **Creatively Accommodate** every time you can.

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**How can I help create solutions to bring broken, confused, and yes – sinful – people under the sound of the Gospel?**

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