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## 2 Timothy 1v5 & 3v15

- Timothy knew the Scriptures from infancy
- Timothy was converted in his youth
- Timothy served in mission from his youth

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# Government Coronavirus Guidance for Youth and Children's Work



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## Sources of Guidance

- Guidance for the Safe Use of Places of Worship
- Protective Measures for Out of School Settings
- Early Years and Child Care
- National Youth Agency
- Early Years Alliance

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## Advice for Churches

- Church of England – COVID 19 Mission and Ministry with Children, Young People & Families in a Church Setting
- Baptist Union – Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry

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## Under 5s

- Must be supervised by parents or guardians at church
- No provision crèche or groups
- No baby & toddler groups with parents/careers
- No mixing between households – so no provision room for parents/babies

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## Children & Youth Activities (age 5+)

### 1. Groups

- Groups of max 15 including supervisors
- Groups to remain separate and consistent
- Groups to maintain social distancing if possible
- Outdoor activities up to 6 from separate households

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## Children & Youth Activities (age 5+)

### 2. Activities

- No contact games
- No live performances including drama, comedy, music to take place in front of a live audience
- No singing, shouting, blowing instruments
- No sharing of food
- Not advised sharing of craft resources
- No overnight stays/residentials – including camping

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## Children & Youth Activities (age 5+)

### 3. Social Distancing, Hygiene & Cleaning

- Deep clean shared spaces between groups
- Different groups ideally enter/exit by different doors
- Avoid parents and children waiting
- Do not give lifts to children/young people from other households
- Young people arrive only with members their group
- Groups do not need to use separate toilets but different toilets for different groups ideal
- Toilets to be cleaned more frequently – at least twice a day
- Importance of proper hand washing

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## Children & Youth Activities (age 5+)

### 4. Preparatory Steps

- Risk assessment by senior member of staff
- Share findings risk assessment with staff and on website
- Explain to parents/careers steps taken to reduce risks in your setting
- Outline protective measures you have taken
- Keep register of children attending

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# What has lockdown been like for your teens?

It's been about...

## Loss

Of Moments

Of Mates

Of Structure

## Lethargy

Physical

Academic

Emotional

Spiritual

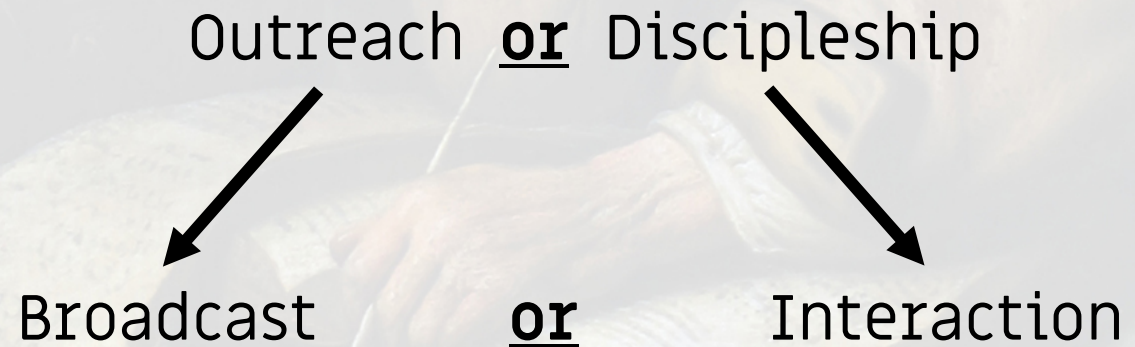
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## So what should our Youth Ministry priorities be?

Re-evaluate...



**Broadly...**

Keep facilitating Christian friendships.

Keep teaching the Bible.

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## What can we actually do?

Quite a lot!

### Keep facilitating Godly friendships

- Make new memories
- Don't worry about production value
- Be creative

### Keep teaching the Bible

- Get to know your medium
- Pick the right content
- Use your team

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**2 Corinthians 4v1-2:** “Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.”





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