

JUNE



YXYA SERIES
WAZE

Hey Guys,

Hope everyone had a good time going through Plus +1 last month; there was loads of amazing conversations coming out of our Crews last month, we had youth nights across across the UK focusing on healthy friendships and relationships!

As we move into June, we are embarking upon a new series in YxYA! Introducing WAZE; the series where we will be encouraging our Youth to be dreaming big dreams for their futures, understanding the gifts God has given them and thinking about how they can use those gifts going forward to build the church.

One of the major fears that affects young people today is the fear of the future. Many young people in our society worry about what the future holds, and feel like they are unqualified to make a success of their lives in the years to come. They often feel the pressure of living up to a certain standard, whether that be through peer pressure, social media or family life. There has been a sharp rise in anxiety among young people, which has been proven to be rooted in an inability to construct a positive future as a result of the circumstances of life.

In the midst of these challenges, our role this month is to share the good news with our Crews, which is that God has placed value on each Young person within our youth ministry, and he has assured us through his Word that there is no need to worry about the future!

The aim of WAZE is that we learn to understand that our future is bright. We also want young people to begin to explore the gifts that God has given them. We want our youth to grasp that the church is God's mechanism for reaching the world, and that the church is not built on the gifts and talents of a few, but on the sacrifice of many.

Enjoy this months Crew notes!

Hillsong YxYA Teaching Team

WEEK 1 // YOUR FUTURE

INTRO:

It may be funny to think, but even before we breathed our first breath, or took a step on this Earth, God knew us and had specific plans for us.

God is omnipresent, meaning he operates outside of our chronological understanding of time and is everywhere at the same time. He is the same God yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Even though God is all powerful and all knowing, that doesn't mean to say that God is a puppet-master, controlling our every thought, decision or action. Instead he has given us free will to choose wisely and as believers we have the mind of Christ in order to generate that wisdom.

SCRIPTURE:

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes (Ephesians 1:4 NLT)

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. (Galatians 6:7-8)

MAIN POINT:

Our future is a combination of the choices we make and the will of God coming to pass. God will use different methods to reach you, teach you and position you to where you need to be, in order to play your part. And even though God SO loves you for you he also loves using you as a contributor of His ultimate goal to reconcile everyone back into right relationship with Him.

QUESTION:

1. How do you balance the fine line between fulfilling your dreams and fulfilling God's will for your life ?
2. How far do you agree that our future is the result of our past and present decisions?
3. How do you find the strength to hold on to hope for the future even in times of trouble?
4. Are you trying to steer an area of your life down a better path and if so why and how?

WEEK 2 // INFLUENCE

INTRO:

Do you ever feel like you just aren't old enough, accomplished enough or polished enough to be a person of influence? All too often we can base our influential reach on worldly standards or in comparison to other people. However God has created us all in His image so that we can all leave our mark in things that are eternal more than in the natural.

Stepping into our full capacity as sons and daughters of God means we work to reach and influence a broken world in a variety of ways. We do not need to have a platform or personal ministry to be salt and light influencing people in our day to day lives.

SCRIPTURE:

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. (Matthew 5:13 NLT)

"But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue" (Exodus 4:10)

MAIN POINT:

We all have the potential to influence others and need to recognise that this can be both in a productive and unproductive way.

By walking in our God given purpose we can leave a legacy that is eternal.

God takes what we are in the natural and works in such a way that it can have supernatural influence. God is rarely interested in our achievements, qualifications or connections. His strength is made perfect in our weakness, so humility is key to being used of God.

QUESTION:

1. What was at the heart of the way in which Jesus influenced people in the bible?
2. Who would you say are 'influencers' in today's world and why? What does this say about the human condition?
3. What barriers do you face internally that are impacting your ability to influence people in your world?
4. How can you grasp and take ownership of your role as a Godly influencer for our generation?

WEEK 3 // GIFTS

INTRO:

Each one of us has received grace given gifts from God. He has generously and intentionally given us these gifts in the measure and capacity that we have them. The Bible is filled with passages that highlight these gifts and more importantly- their significance and purpose. Imagine what we can achieve in the world if we use and steward these spiritual gifts to the utmost and in light of Jesus'

SCRIPTURE:

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

(Romans 12:6-8 NIV)

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

(1 Corinthians 12:7-11 NIV)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen

(1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT)

MAIN POINT:

The gifts that we have, whether we have specifically identified them or not, are ought to be used for the benefit of others, to build them up, to remind them of God's glorious and stunning promises in their lives, and ultimately to strengthen their faith in God. In other words, the gifts we're given to be given. Our aim should always be: to use the gifts that we have and the faith to exercise them that will bring glory to His name.

QUESTION:

- 1.How important is it to know our spiritual gifts, as Christians? If so, how do we identify them?
- 2.What challenges, if any, do you face in demonstrating these gifts within your sphere of influence?
- 3.Grace vs Pride: How do we stay conscious and aware that these gifts are from the Lord and so that we do not think too highly of ourselves/ fall into the trap of pride?
- 4.After today, what steps are you going to take in discovering your gift for the purpose of strengthening other people?

WEEK 4 // PLAYING YOUR PART

INTRO:

Jesus lived a life of service. He led and loved by serving. He spent time with people – listening, praying and healing them. Jesus set the ultimate example of servanthood and he encourages us to follow His lead and serve one another. In a world where so many things clamour for our attention on a daily basis, how can we genuinely and effectively play our part and serve others?

SCRIPTURE:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:3-5 NIV)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 NIV)

I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. (John 13:15 NLT)

MAIN POINT:

Serving others is more than just keeping up with your to do list.

To serve is to care about people genuinely, willingly and eagerly out of love for Jesus and gratitude for all He has done for us.

QUESTION:

1. Why does God want us to learn to serve and love others?
2. Discuss the impact that you serving others has had on your life?
3. Is your heart struggling to love others? What challenges do you face when it comes to serving?
4. How can you ensure you can sustain consistency in