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TALKING POINTS


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STEVE ARGUE, M.DIV.

Steve is the executive director of the Contextual Learning Center and adjunct youth ministry professor at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. He is also the co-founder of Intersect, a ministry committed to training emerging leaders. He is a speaker, author, and columnist, with more than a decade of experience in youth ministry serving in pastoral and para-church contexts.



KARA POWELL, PH.D.

A 15-year youth ministry veteran, Kara serves as a faculty member and executive director of the Center for Youth and Family Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary. She's authored several books, including *Deep Ministry in a Shallow World*, the *Good Sex* curriculum guide, *Help! I'm a Woman in Youth Ministry!* and *Mirror, Mirror*.



MARK OESTREICHER

Mark has been in middle school ministry for 25 years. Before that, he was a middle schooler who got in trouble on a regular basis. He leads a small group of middle school guys and has a daughter in middle school. He's president of Youth Specialties and lives in San Diego with his wife, Jeannie, and his kids, Liesl and Max.

Talking Points is a semi-annual forum designed to bring thoughtful perspectives on current ministry topics through presentation, dialogue and interaction. The spring 2007 event is titled "Where Youth Ministry Must Go..." and reflects the ongoing pursuit and discipline of seeking to understand the needs, priorities and theology of progressive youth ministry. Our culture, our church and our students are constantly changing. This event will facilitate dialogue on where youth ministry must go to remain faithful to the gospel and this generation.

TOPICS

YOUTH MINISTRY MUST GO DEEPER – Kara Powell will explore what thoughtful youth ministry might look like in a youth ministry world that is typically pressured by pragmatism and instant results.

YOUTH MINISTRY MUST GO CLOSER – Steve Argue will consider what it means for the whole church to embrace teenagers and what it looks like for youth leaders to prioritize shepherding over efficiency and programming.

YOUTH MINISTRY MUST GO BROADER – Mark Oestreicher will suggest what issues senior pastors and youth pastors/Directors might need to overcome together, given a ministry dynamic that frequently isolates, alienates, and burns out youth pastors.

SCHEDULE: MARCH 12, 2007

8:30-9:00	Registration & Refreshments	12:00-1:30	Lunch with Q&A Discussion on Youth Ministry Topics
9:00-10:15	Youth Ministry Must Go Deeper Kara Powell	1:45-3:00	Youth Ministry Must Go Broader Mark Oestreicher
10:15-10:30	Break		
10:30-11:45	Youth Ministry Must Go Closer Steve Argue		

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