

STUDENT MINISTRIES PASTOR Bethel Church of Houston

<u>Overview</u>

Bethel Church of Houston is seeking a Student Ministries Pastor who loves students and wants to see them discover their full potential in Christ. He will be energetic and relational and will bring a fun, but biblically rich, style of communication to the ministry.

<u>The Big Idea</u>



Since calling a Lead Pastor in February 2023, new energy has swept across the congregation. People are excited to be at Bethel and feel like it's a fresh place. Congregants are rediscovering ministry and are reengaging the work. In this season, the church has grown significantly in Sunday morning attendance. The church values the next generation and therefore seeks to call a Student Ministries Pastor who can revitalize the youth ministry and spiritually invest in teenagers. He will be joined by a quality team of eight youth leaders who also sense a calling to partner in the lives of teens. Bethel offers an amazing facility for Student Ministry that includes a large worship area, ample small group space, game area and kitchen. Outside of the weekly Wednesday evening programming, students enjoy camp, retreats, fun outings, service projects and foreign mission trips. While currently small in size and young in age, the growth of the church, the location of Bethel and the financial investment of the church makes this a promising opportunity for a visionary and dedicated pastor.

The Church



Bethel is a regional church of 300 drawing people from a variety of Houston suburbs. At its heart, this non-denominational church values leading people into a deeper walk with Jesus. This includes biblical teaching, continuing spiritual education and personal relationships. This is not just a value for adults, but the Session along with parents and students themselves, desire this for the youth ministry. Bethel Church currently hosts a variety of class sessions at 9 a.m. for all ages. This is followed by contemporary worship at 10:30 am. The youth ministry meets each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. The elders govern the church well, and the staff of 10 enjoy a vital team spirit.

The Candidate



The incoming Student Ministries Pastor for Bethel church will be a shepherd to the students, leading and guiding them out of their own growing relationship with God. He will invest in relationships and model authentic community to those whom he serves. He will be confident yet humble and will demonstrate true servant leadership. The right pastor will be a self-starter, a go-getter, and someone who activates others. The incoming pastor will enjoy living where the church is located and increase his proximity to those they hope to reach. The right pastor recognizes the value of administration and its importance in accomplishing the mission of Bethel Church. He will be sure to plan, lead and organize well so students, parents and team members know what is happening in the ministry. The incoming pastor will not neglect the opportunity to resource parents in their God-ordained responsibilities.

The Location



Houston, Texas has a metro population of 2.3 million people. The weather is sunny year-round. Along with hosting several professional sports teams, Houston, or H-town as it is often called, has a vibrant downtown scene and excellent cultural offerings. Bethel Church of Houston is nestled in a young and diverse residential area just west of downtown. The neighborhood is walkable, covered in large oak trees and safe. The location and vibe of the city means Bethel is strategically situated for maximum ministry impact.

The Qualifications



Candidates need to have clear alignment with the Bethel Church statement of faith, vision and values (https://bethelofhouston.com/about/what-we-believe/); Possess a mature faith and intimacy with Jesus; Demonstrated Youth/Student Pastor ministry experience is preferred; Have at least a bachelor's degree (theological master's degree preferred); Have a genuine passion for the gospel and a deep love for scripture and students.

Next Steps



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