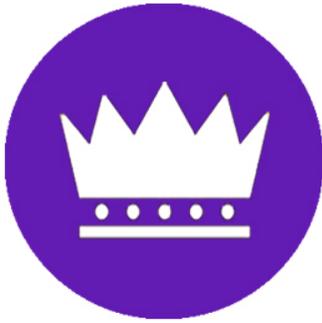


3 VALUES



**KINGDOM
EXPANDING**



**CHARACTER
TRANSFORMING**



**CULTURE
SHAPING**



My goal as a youth pastor is not to produce a formula out of your student. Instead, I want your student to fall more in love with Jesus every day and live in a healthy growing relationship with Him for the rest of their life. Therefore, everything that I want to do with Connecting Uth stems from 3 core values: **KINGDOM EXPANDING**, **CHARACTER TRANSFORMING**, & **CULTURE SHAPING**.

KINGDOM EXPANDING

We find ways to connect students to the gospel through every area of our ministry. We are committed to building up God's Kingdom, not just our castle. We are committed to not only seeing students give their life to Christ; we want to also see them live their life for Christ by expanding the Kingdom throughout their lives. We want to **link** them to Jesus through salvation, **lead** them in discipleship and mentoring, **leverage** them as they lead others to Christ, and eventually **launch** them as they share the Gospel with the nations.

CHARACTER TRANSFORMING

We are committed to transforming hearts and lives for God's glory, rather than simply attempting to modify behavior. Our foundations for transformation are dependence on the life-giving Word of God, informing solid biblical doctrine/theology, displaying grace-filled lifestyles, and growing in intentional community. Using these tools, we will show our students that life is less about "being good" and much more about being transformed by The King Himself. We want to **link** them into genuine community, **lead** them into a lifestyle of surrender to Jesus, **leverage** them as they see God molding their character, and **launch** them as they spread the love and grace of Jesus Christ with their world around them.

CULTURE SHAPING

We refuse to just stand apart from the culture. Instead, we earnestly desire to train our students to engage in and shape their culture. We believe that our students are not merely the church of the future in a holding tank of preparation, but are people who God will use to shape the culture around us right now. We will mold students to lead well, and we will give them countless opportunities to serve locally and globally for the sake of The Gospel. We want to **link** them to leaders in our ministry, **lead** them in the process of developing their own leadership skills, **leverage** them as they go out into their world to engage others, and **launch** them onto the mission field to shape others and share The Good News with the globe.