

# What is C4?

According to a Barna Group report entitled **"Most Twentysomethings Put Christianity on the shelf Following Spiritually active Teen Years"** dated **Sept 11, 2006**, **"Only one-fifth of twentysomethings (20%) have maintained a level of spiritual activity consistent with their high school experiences. " The report goes on to say, "Much of the ministry to teenagers in America needs an overhaul - not because churches fail to attract significant numbers of young people, but because so much of those efforts are not creating a sustainable faith beyond high school. There are certainly effective youth ministries across the country, but the levels of disengagement among twentysomethings suggest that youth ministry fails too often at discipleship and faith formation. A new standard for viable youth ministry should be - not the number of attenders, the sophistication of the events, or the 'cool' factor of the youth group - but**

whether teens have the commitment, passion and resources to pursue Christ intentionally and whole- heartedly after they leave the youth ministry nest."

**C4** endeavors to reverse this

trend by instilling the following qualities into each students life:

**Christ-Like:** Foundational focus for each student to come to a saving knowledge in the Lord Jesus Christ. Discipleship then becomes a key component to build spiritual foundation as well as an emphasis on evangelism and service.

**Committed:** To the work of the local church; to personal study (Scriptures, History, World Events); to spreading of the gospel (Home, School, Mall, wherever at all times); living a life that is glorifying to Christ both inside and outside the walls of the church.

# Competent: If

**"Competence indicates not only a knowledge but an ability to effectively communicate that knowledge", then our goal is to assist each student come to an understanding and ability to communicate: Who is God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? Who am I, how do I fit in the world, what is my purpose and role in life? What is "Grace" and "Mercy"? Why did Jesus have to die? What is the Bible and how was it put together (OT and NT origins)? Just to name a few.**

**Continuous:** Here we strive to see each student continually walk in their faith each day beyond Sunday and graduation. As they come to realize that their Christian faith is a way of life and not just a few hours once a week.