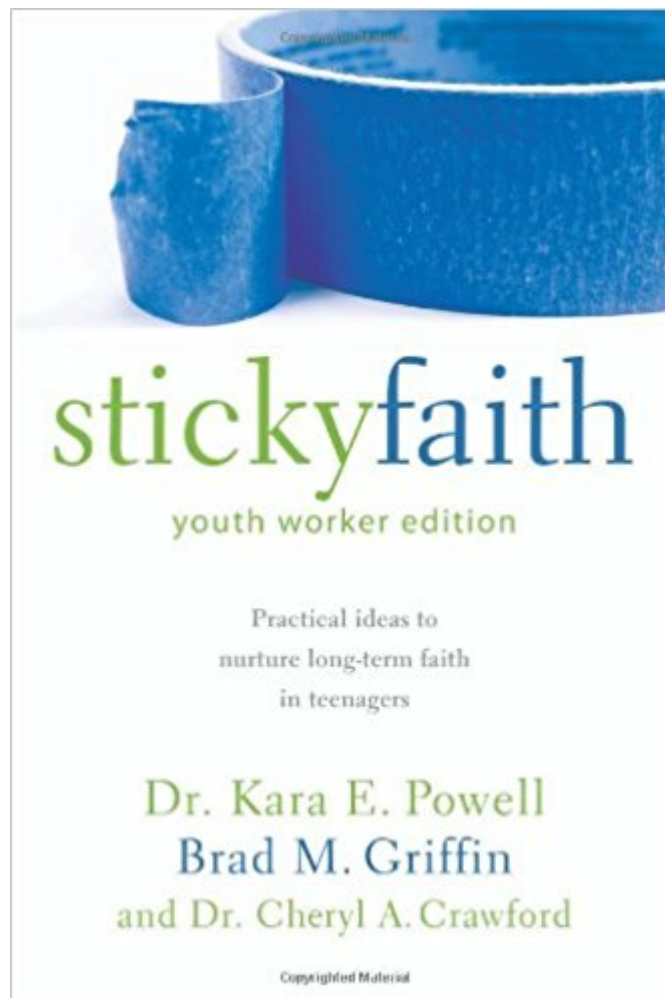




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Sticky Faith, Youth Worker Edition: Practical Ideas To Nurture Long-Term Faith In Teenagers



Synopsis

Most churches in America would give anything to develop a deep, growing faith in kids that "sticks" and continues to mature long-term. That interest is dwarfed only by parents' desire to develop a deep, growing faith in their own kids. Yet both national leaders with broad spheres of influence as well as local, grassroots practitioners are waking up to the reality that almost half of their graduating seniors will drift from God and the church after high school. As leaders and as parents, we're not satisfied with that. We suspect you're not either. In response to this problem, the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) conducted a national longitudinal study following over 500 high school seniors during their first three years in college. The goals of this research were to understand the dynamics of youth group graduates' transition to college and to identify the relationships and best practices in youth ministries, churches, and families that can help set students on a trajectory of lifelong faith and service. In *Sticky Faith*, the team at FYI presents youth workers with both a philosophical framework and practical programming ideas that develop long-term faith in teenagers. Each chapter presents a summary of FYI's quantitative and qualitative research, along with the implications of this research, including program ideas suggested and tested by youth ministries nationwide. This resource equips youth ministry leaders with what they need to help foster a faith that sticks long after young people leave the youth room.

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Customer Reviews

Sticky Faith will change the way you see the role of your church in building authentic faith in the next generation. This book is starting a critical conversation with parents and leaders that should reshape the church. --Reggie Joiner, founder of the reThink Group, leader of the Orange

Conference One of the many reasons I'm a huge fan of Sticky Faith is because it's so timely! The Sticky Faith content is helping move youth and family ministry in the direction we all need to head. It not only raises crucial questions about the gospel, the church, and families, but it also provides practical answers and ideas any youth leader can try. I'm so thankful we have this great resource. -- Doug Fields, veteran youth worker and author Sticky Faith isn't a "read once and your done" type of resource. It's a way of life and serving that has the potential to transform detached, silo youth ministry into a fully functioning, faith sharing community. As you read through ministry tested experiences and research, you uncover plenty of possibilities that could work in your own ministry context. My copy of this book can be found on my desk, on my e-reader, and on my phone. It's that important. -- Brooklyn Lindsey, author, youth worker, leader of The Justice Movement The world of youth work is desperate for reliable pylons of truth to which we can anchor our ministries. Fuller Youth Institute's work with Sticky Faith provides such rare value to our Youth for Christ staff around the country. Our mission calls us to "...reach young people...engaging them as lifelong followers of Jesus Christ." Sticky Faith research helps our ministry staff all over the country to understand what they can do NOW to help these young people--initially distant from local churches--develop a faith that lasts for a lifetime. I'm so grateful for FYI's rich contribution to our mission. -- Dr. Dave Rahn, Senior Vice President and Chief Ministry Officer, Youth for Christ

Most churches in America would give anything to develop a deep, growing faith in kids that "sticks" and continues to mature long-term. That interest is dwarfed only by parents' desire to develop a deep, growing faith in their own kids. Yet both national leaders with broad spheres of influence as well as local, grassroots practitioners are waking up to the reality that almost half of their graduating seniors struggle deeply with their faith in college. Offering a few special "Senior Seminars" or giving seniors a "graduation Bible" and hoping for the best are both too little and too late. In response to this problem, the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) has conducted the College Transition Project, a national longitudinal study following over 500 high school seniors during their first three years in college. The goals of this research are to understand the dynamics of youth group graduates' transition to college and to identify the relationships and best practices in youth ministries, churches, and families that can help set students on a trajectory of lifelong faith and service. FYI's research confirms that it's never too early or too late to start developing faith that continues to grow and lasts. Sticky Faith gives parents and leaders both a theological/philosophical framework and a host of practical relationship and programming ideas that

develop long-term faith in teenagers. For more information and follow-up resources see www.stickyfaith.org/ --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Whereas Sticky Faith focuses on what parents can do to help their kids faith stick for life, Sticky Father Youth Worker Edition takes the same study and applies it to those who work in a church context. There were so many great ideas for youth pastors and youth workers throughout the entire book. I particularly liked the sections on how to prepare seniors for college and helping your whole church buy into the vision of sticky faith. The overwhelming highlight of this book was chapter 2, The Sticky Gospel. This book is worth it just for this chapter. It was by far the best explanation of how to teach the gospel to teens I have ever read. So many teenagers adopt the gospel of sin management, but this chapter was rich with ways to help teens grasp the deep truths of the gospel and its implication in a proper way. Even for those who have read Sticky Faith, this book is different enough that I would highly recommend it for all youth workers.

After reading all the depressing books about teens losing their faith, this book was a breath of fresh air. Instead of focusing on the reason teens walk away from faith, this material focuses in on what has helped teens maintain their faith. The ideas for responding to the data are excellent. And the amazing thing is that there is also a book for parents and a curriculum to use with teens. So you not only get a number of practical ideas in the book, but you also are able to access great material to help pass on these ideas to parents and teens. The discussions we've had with our volunteers, parents and teens have all been amazing thanks to this material! I highly recommend it. Buy all your volunteers a copy. Get one for every parent in the group and grab the teen curriculum to start a class with them!

We've implemented a lot of practices in our youth ministry based on the research that came out of this book. It's been insightful as our church thinks more and more intentionally about how to engage students in a way that stays with them after they leave our youth ministry. One of the best youth ministry books I've read in a long time.

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Recommend this to any youth worker passionate about students gaining, growing and maintaining authentic, life-long, vibrant, joyful relationship with Jesus!

A great mix of research and heart for those of us who are still scratching our heads over these lovely yet mysterious creatures we minister to.

This is an important book for any church concerned about a lasting faith in young people. You won't be disappointed.

I read this book as part of a study with a friend from seminary. We enjoyed sharing how the book provided insights into our two very different contexts. I will have to look into a few hard copies to share with my congregation. I am interested to see what else the FYI puts out

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