



## EMPOWER

**Empowering the people** in your ministry to help with your event can be challenging. It requires you to let go and give authority to others. To **empower** someone is to impart power to them – to give them a portion of your authority, power, and responsibilities. It can be very difficult, but it can also be very rewarding.

Within most events there are three groups we can choose to **empower**:

### *Students*

- Students can be your event muscle (planning, decorating, setting up).
- Students can be your recruiters. I have a personal motto: “Students are the best-equipped people to reach students.” That applies to events as well.
- Students can create excitement by taking ownership of the event.

### *Leaders*

- Leaders can share the workload.
- Leaders can share upper-level authority with you (keys, alarm codes, church procedures).
- Leaders can be authority figures when you are somewhere else – you can’t be everywhere at once.

### *Other Ministry Departments*

- Other ministry departments can provide you with resources, equipment, and setups you might not otherwise have access to (props, sound equipment, other supplies).

By **empowering** students and leaders to take active roles in events, you effectively begin equipping another generation to lead ministry events.

### **Practice Makes Perfect**

- Use the worksheet on the next page to think through how you can draw in key people to help with this event.



### WORKSHEET: EMPOWER

EVENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

What students can you empower?

STUDENTS	CONTACT INFO

How can other adult leaders help?

LEADERS	HOW CAN THEY HELP?

Which church departments can you partner/connect with?

DEPARTMENTS	WHAT CAN THEY OFFER?



## EXECUTE

You've come up with a ***dream***, you've ***crafted a plan***, you've ***rallied your influencers***, and you've ***empowered your people***. Now it's time to do the event. While it's necessary to be flexible in youth ministry, try to stick to the plan you created – honor the work you and others have done. Try not to second-guess your plans. Wait until after the event is over to review and make changes for next time.

Simplicity is key for ***executing your vision***. I find it helpful to follow these steps:

- ***Prep***: Check in with your key people
  - Have you booked the room?
  - Have you bought the supplies?
  - Have you uploaded the graphics and Facebook invite?
  - Do students know where to be?
  - Do your leaders know what they need to do?
  - Where are you on your 3-1-3-1 plan?
- ***Run***: Execute the plan
  - Follow your plan. If necessary, adjust accordingly. In youth ministry, nothing ever goes as smoothly as we hope – flexibility is key.
- ***Evaluate***: Gather your influencers and evaluate the plan for next time
  - Did we meet our goals?
  - Did students have a good time?
  - Were leaders engaged?

### Practice Makes Perfect

- Use your 3-1-3-1 plan to track your tasks for the event.
- Use the event evaluation form on the next page to gather feedback from your influencers.