

## **GOAL – HELPING OUR YOUTH NAVIGATE TODAY’S CULTURE**

### **Important dates in popular culture:**

1939 –

September, 1972 –

February 2004 –

August 1, 1981 –

June 29, 2007 –

June 30, 1997 –

October 1927 –

August 29, 2004 –

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Here’s the trick – youth culture influences every student differently, it is interpreted differently, it affects them differently, and generalizations don’t work!

### **Biblical guidelines**

- John 17
  
- Matthew 5
  
- Acts 17

Our goal is to help our youth navigate today’s culture. In order for us to do that there are 2 important things for us to know:

- 1 – It is important for us to know God’s word
- 2 – It is important for us to know today’s youth culture

**Guideline #1 – Focus on the Message, not the Delivery System**

Guideline #2 – Teach Teenagers to Evaluate Through a Biblical Worldview

- DISCOVER
  
- DISCERN
  
- DECIDE

Guideline #3 – Generalizations and Extremes are Never Helpful

Guideline #4 – Examine Yourself

Guideline #5 – Take the Initiative and Educate Yourself

Guideline #6 – Have Patience and Commit