


EQUIP YOUR YOUTH FOR MISSION

street  invaders



Do you ever wish you could do more for the youth in your home or church?

Do you have concerns about your child developing a relationship with Christ in an increasingly secularized world?

Do you see your child or student struggling to understand Biblical concepts?

We're here to help.

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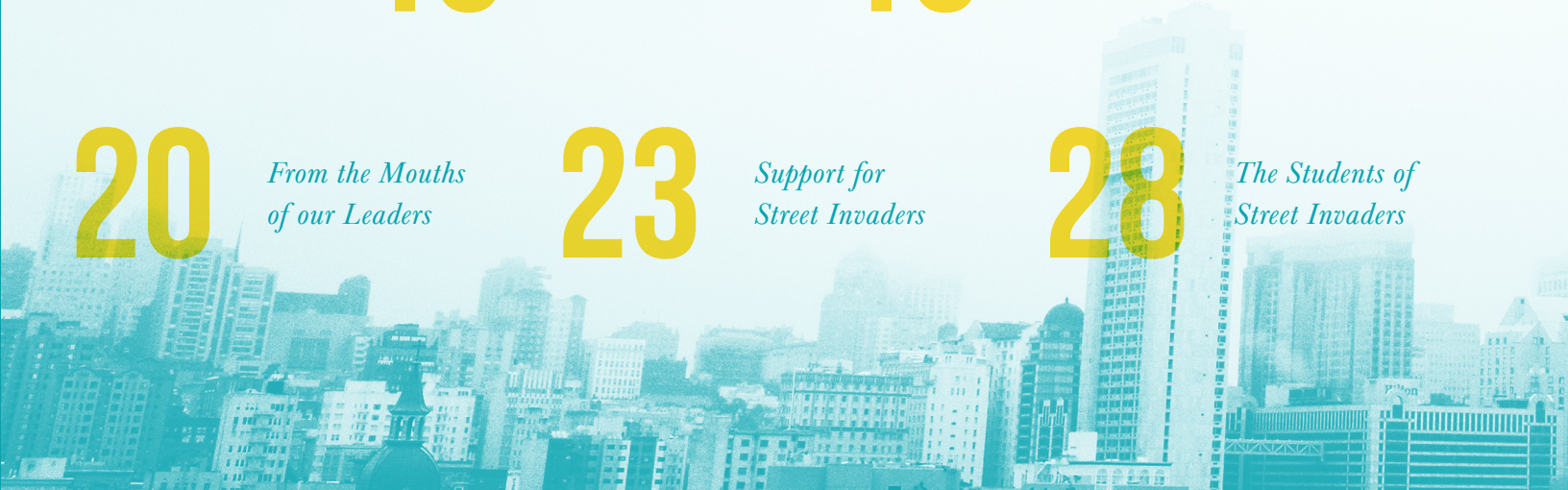
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A group of young people, including men and women, are walking away from the camera on a city street. They are dressed in casual attire like t-shirts and shorts. The background shows a cityscape with buildings and a clear sky. A large, bold, red text overlay is positioned at the bottom of the image, reading "WELCOME TO STREET INVADERS".

**WELCOME TO
STREET INVADERS**

Street Invaders is a summer youth missions program for students ages 13-18 that is designed to help them put their faith into action.

Students will learn how to walk in relationship with Jesus while being empowered to make a difference wherever they go.

Our philosophy is simple: "Discipleship through evangelism." We accomplish this by giving youth the opportunity to meet with God, to see Holy Spirit move, and be transformed as they share the Gospel. We have seen thousands of young people all over the world become passionate disciples of Jesus.

Our program consists of two parts: Training and Mission.

We begin our programs with 3-5 days of training at Churches and Bible Colleges around Canada. When students come to training they are empowered with practical skills through taking classes, practicing outreach, and participating in vibrant worship. Students also have time during training to bond with their mission team, prepare for their mission, and participate in fun activities.

After their training period, we send students out on a mission. We give them the chance to apply what they learned during training in many diverse mission locations across Canada and even globally.

There are three types of missions that students can participate in:

Regional

Regional teams do their mission at a church, mission, etc. that is within driving distance of the training location. Students on regional teams are equipped to grow in their walk with Jesus, personally share the gospel, and step out in faith within communities that are similar to one that they have come from. This could be a city or a town.

National

National teams are usually considered as a specialized mission within Canada and they will require a long drive (1 day +) or a flight. Students must sign up in advance and they are more expensive due to the transportation and mission costs. Some examples of a national mission option could be church planting, working with a particular people group, the National House of Prayer in Ottawa, or a mission sponsored through a city mission such as working on Hastings Street in Vancouver.

International

International teams are any team that must travel outside of Canada. The teams have the opportunity to not only share their faith but to do so in a new culture which they may be experiencing for the very first time. Street Invaders has sent international teams all over the world to participate in ministry in schools, institutions, mission bases, church planting, children's work, sports events, and so much more.

Please refer to our website for current International mission locations.

Wrap Up

At the conclusion of their missions, students return to their launching province for a worship service. They share testimonies, celebrate, pray, and worship the Lord. Students then return home to make a difference in their own communities. Parents and Pastors are welcome to come hear stories and celebrate with the students and leaders.

If there's anything true about students today, it's this: they want to know the truth, and they want to make a difference. That's what Street Invaders is all about. **We believe that Jesus created students to bring change to the world.**



HISTORY

For over 30 years, Street Invaders has gathered, trained and released students to share the love of Jesus Christ across the world.

Street Invaders was originally started by British Youth For Christ in England and has been in existence in Canada since 1989.



Street Invaders was pioneered by and continues to be directed through United Youth Outreach (formerly Apostolic Youth Ministries International). Street Invaders is an interdenominational program which works with Christian churches across Canada, the United States and in different parts of the world.

Our goal with the program is to see young people come to a greater commitment as disciples of Christ, where they are willing to give their entire lives to Him. Street Invaders uses evangelism and outreach as a means of developing these students into disciples and as a result, we have seen hundreds of other people won to Christ, disciplined and sent out to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The first Street Invaders program was launched in July 1989 with a group of students from Kedleston camp in Saskatchewan. The program began with 21 students—enough for 3 mission teams.

The program eventually grew to 2 locations in SK and BC, with various outreach locations in each province. Since that time, programs have been held in Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George, and Surrey, BC, as well as Calgary, Winnipeg, and various locations in Ontario, New Brunswick, and Quebec.

International teams have travelled to a variety of locations including Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, various areas of Africa including South Africa, Japan, China, Philippines, Malaysia, Turkey, El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Australia, Estonia, Ecuador, United States, Malta, Thailand, etc.

For over 30 years, Street Invaders has gathered, trained and released students to share the love of Jesus Christ around the world. The summer youth missions program has a rich history of seeing lives changed forever through sharing the Gospel. Our DNA includes powerful worship, waiting on God, empowering students, discipleship through evangelism, and releasing teens into opportunities to see the Holy Spirit at work.



The philosophy of Street Invaders is 'discipleship through evangelism'. We have seen thousands of students make their faith real as they care for those both on their team and on their mission. Whether a student comes alone or with their youth group, attending Street Invaders is one of the best decisions they will make for developing their character and walk in relationship with Jesus.

With a rich history behind us, our goal reaching into the future is to establish a program in each province and territory, as well as various locations around the world. We encourage everyone to consider partnering with Street Invaders to see this worthy goal accomplished.



Parents are the glue that
binds our program together.

Whether that means volunteering, fundraising, or
prayer behind the scenes, we couldn't make it work
without their support and encouragement.

PARENTS

Dawn Graburn

*MOTHER AND
STREET INVADERS
VOLUNTEER*

Though I have not been a Street Invaders' student, I have sponsored young people for the program, sent my own children, and have been a staff member many times.

Whenever students, including my own children, went to Street Invaders, I always saw a change in them when they returned at the end of their mission.

God had done great things in their heart. They had heard His call on their lives and they had made friends who were also excited about Jesus. As a parent, this was a win-win-win to see a leader and believers in come alongside the younger generations.

It is my privilege to be on the sidelines at training events and to help facilitate the great and amazing things that God is more than happy to accomplish in each of our students' lives.





Jackie Bragg

PROUD STREET INVADERS PARENT

I had heard about Street Invaders, but I didn't know much about it. My kids were raised in a Christian home, but like many families, we didn't do everything perfectly. They got stuck on works, knowing that God loved them, but unable to feel His presence. My kids ended up going to Street Invaders, and they were changed. God did a work in their hearts.

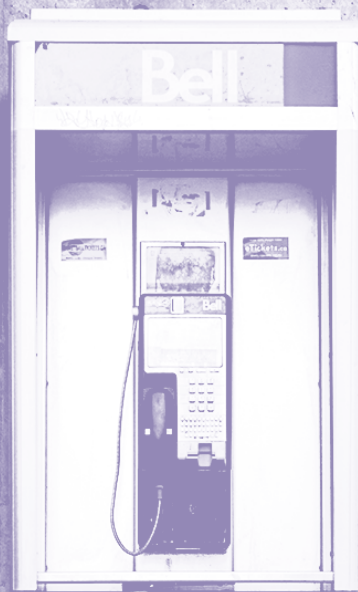
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Seeing God move through them, then being followed up by their team leader after the program was great. Watching them take such a huge leap of faith gave me the confidence to promote Street Invaders in my own youth group. But nothing says it like the kids. Their efforts to raise 'tuition' for the program through bottle drives and part-time jobs encouraged other kids to seek out Street Invaders too.

In their own church, in their own city, students may be overlooked, but not here.

At Street Invaders, students are given an opportunity to step into obedience in a place where they're believed in. When they bring home what they've learned, they're prepared to face opposition because they've seen God move and bring them into His kingdom.







Street Invaders' reputation depends on the affirmation of strong church leaders.

Not only does our program benefit youth, churches win too through volunteer efforts, offerings and a healthy increase in attendance.

LEAD PASTORS



Chris Westby

LEAD PASTOR, CHURCH IN B.C.

My involvement with Street Invaders goes all the way back to 1992, when I was encouraged by my youth pastor to enroll as a student. Now it's happened with my son.

This is a program that, not only do I speak for, but I trust.

If you're like me, you're going to have questions:

- **How credible is this program?**
- **Are the leaders people I can trust?**
- **Theologically, are they in line with me and my church?**

This program will not only challenge your youth, but potentially your entire church. For the person who is questioning or wavering in their faith, Street Invaders provides that atmosphere for deep life-change where life without Jesus means nothing. It will challenge students to the next level of their faith by empowering them to be a generation on mission with Jesus.

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Leaders

The longevity of Street Invaders is sourced in the leaders who serve in the program. The senior leaders are people of integrity, honesty, and humility. This is something I look for if I'm investing my time, my children and my students in any organization.

There is no better summer program to reach the needs of the community around you, locally and globally, and bring transformation in the lives of the students involved.

The DNA of Street Invaders

Street Invaders is about young people being disciplined through an original form of evangelism. It's about being pressed and pushed. It's about being taught and equipped, and about sharing the faith they've known through their parents and their church. But ultimately, it's all about the Gospel and changing the hearts of the students themselves and those they impact through the program.

Theology

We believe in the gifts of the Spirit - a key takeaway for students. They see the Holy Spirit moving actively, producing fruit in their lives and helping them move the mission forward. By seeing God work in practical ways, students are encouraged, inspired, and challenged to follow their individual callings. It catapults students into thinking evangelistically, when sometimes it can be hard to think that way in their current context.

We're evangelical. We're pentecostal. In the midst of a world shifting left and right, we embrace the truths of the Word of God and stand on solid ground. We love the Word of God, and love to be empowered by the Spirit.



Credibility

Credibility is demonstrated through those who have invested their lives into the program and the fruit that is produced in and through their lives. Street Invaders is one of the best kept secrets in youth discipleship, mission and evangelism.

When I consider the substance of Street Invaders, I look to the leaders, the program and the people. The leaders are trustworthy, focused on leadership and committed to grow in their faith. When students participate in the program they

are transformed by Jesus, and the people who are impacted through the ministry are forever changed. Speaking as both a father of a Street Invader and a Lead Pastor, there is credibility in the program – you can trust the leaders, program and people.

Let me say this to you: If you're considering this, take the step and contact us. Invest and believe in the Next Generation for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of the Kingdom, and for the sake of the work God wants to do in and through your life.



Take a moment to pray, and ask God this:

**What are you calling me to do
with the Street Invaders program?"**



YOUTH LEADERS

Ambitious, god-fearing leaders shape formidable disciples.

These are their stories.



Rhythm Knowler

YOUTH LEADER, STREET INVADERS

Street Invaders is a great program for anyone, at any stage in their walk with God.

It doesn't matter if you've been a committed Christian your whole life, or if you feel like you're still trying to figure this whole "faith" thing out. Street Invaders helps make your faith real, your own, and personal.

I remember attending when I was thirteen, and was shocked to see people my age passionately walking out their discipleship with Jesus.

Not only did it encourage me to want to make my faith my own, but for the first time I made life long friends who were not only like-minded, but believed in me. To this day, I still have great relationships with the people I met that summer.

After three intense weeks of stepping out in your faith, you see God move through you and your team, and grow so much deeper in the knowledge of how much Jesus loves you.

To this day, there hasn't been anything to top how much fun I've had at Street Invaders.

Brian Carswell

*YOUTH LEADER,
STREET INVADERS*



Coming out of a broken family situation, I believed the lie that no one would ever believe in me, and that I couldn't make a difference in this world. I thought that I would always be plagued with a broken heart.

However, in 2003, I decided to do Street Invaders and found a group of leaders that not only believed in me but also wanted to befriend me. They cheered me on as I entered high school, and eventually asked me to be a leader in the program.

Now I'm in my fourteenth year of being involved with Street Invaders. I have lead teams to Swift Current, SK, to Saskatoon, SK, to London, England, and to West

Central Asia. In the same way that I had leaders look me in the eyes and say, "I believe in you," I now get to do exactly that with the next generation. I wouldn't have it any other way.

I would encourage any teenager to be a part of Street Invaders—not only because it's tons of fun, and not only because you'll meet people who will become life-long friends, but because you will meet with Jesus and your life will be transformed by the Gospel.

You'll discover a group of leaders who love you and are rooting you on as you go back to your home to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.



If our parents are the glue holding this program together, our volunteers are the backbone.

These are the people who make the hard work look easy.

SUPPORT STAFF

Kim Cooper

YOUTH PASTOR, INVOLVED SINCE '96

Street Invaders made a huge impact on my husband and I when we were kids. Street Invaders helps kids understand that they can do mission wherever they're at, even at home. They'll learn to share the gospel, how to be a light, and also to learn their worth, their gifts and their skills. They don't have to wait until they're old to add value to the Kingdom. It teaches them how to do that now.

Leaders benefit from being involved in Street Invaders because it's a place where, historically, we've launched people into leadership at a young age. It's a safe place for leaders to learn and grow, make mistakes, and have grace. It's an environment where we're all working together.

Leaders learn the culture, the roles, and the responsibilities of Street Invaders. There's a lot to know, but we take plenty of time

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to pour into our leaders, pray together and equip them with all they need to succeed. We have support staff who will encourage them, check in with them on their missions and give them what they need.

A lot of times, we don't grow in leadership until we're given the ability to walk it out. Some of us learn better by doing. How many leaders do you know that learned how to lead from a textbook?

Street Invaders has lasted 30 years, and it will continue to last because it makes a huge impact in kids' lives. It's a program unlike any other.

By allowing the Lord to lead our program, our hope is that we will continue to see it equip kids in their walk with Christ. Whether that's in their schools, their communities, or just seeing their friends saved, we want to see revival in our country, and we believe it will happen with our youth.

Street Invaders moves students past Sunday School lessons, helping them put those teachings into practice, and giving them the opportunity to rise to a biblical standard.

We've seen kids of all kinds come to Street Invaders—from those we've discipled for a long time, to brand-new Christians. It launches them into a life of serving Christ that we could've never done on our own. We don't count anyone out.

The last thing we want is our students to feel isolated when they come back from mission. We may not always know what to say, but we will always create opportunities for them to rise up in leadership and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit year-round.



How many leaders do you know that learned how to lead from a textbook?

Greg Cooper

INVOLVED WITH STREET INVADERS SINCE '96

There is nothing like seeing youth raised up and empowered to do the work of the Gospel.

At Bible camp you do a lot of learning, but you are not immediately empowered. Not at Street Invaders. My students come back excited about what they've done. They've grown in their faith, and as a youth group, they've all done the same stuff. And they're closer because of it. As new relationships form, they get to see God working in a new way. They're not used to it because they just don't see it all the time.

If you're a church that has hosted Street Invaders before, the impact is almost immediate. The fresh life in your congregation draws new people in and wakes people up, allowing them to be more engaged and a part of the body of Christ. Students who have gone on the program come back to their local churches and have a fire to see the Gospel spread, to share and to serve. It can only benefit your church.





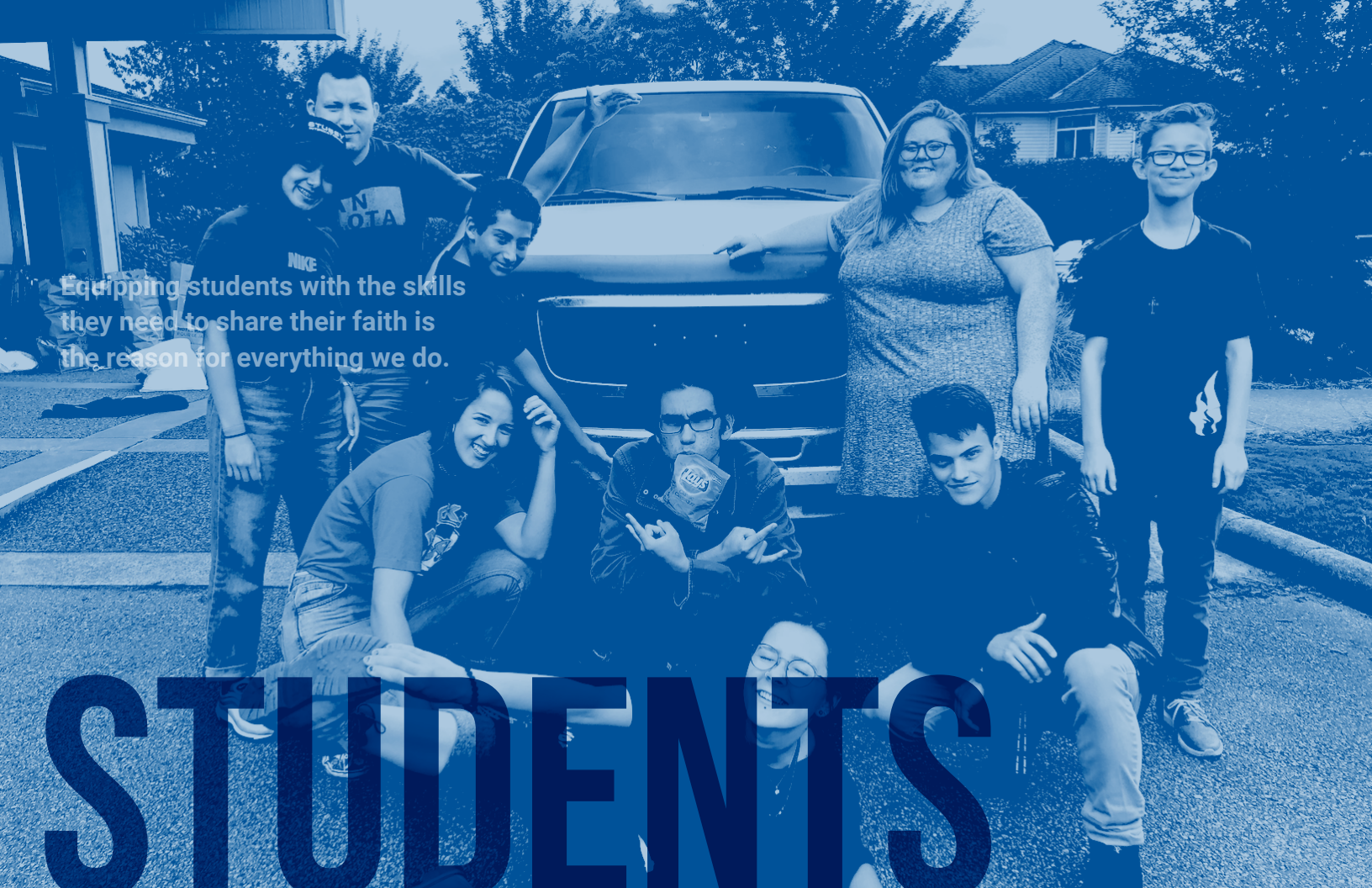
Street Invaders is about making your faith tangible. It's about putting legs on your faith. It's not just something you think about, it's not something elusive—it's something you can grab a hold of and say, "This is my faith."

Street Invaders works because it pulls kids out of the comforts of home. When they're separated from their friends and youth groups, they're pushed to step out and do what God is challenging them to do. We want them to be more than Sunday morning Christians; we want them to live out their faith. Street Invaders is a place for them to do that.

Street Invaders has become such a huge part of our church, that we talk about it months in advance. When students come back from the program, we do everything we can to keep the fire burning. Whether it's our monthly prayer meetings for their school or opportunities to share their testimony, we encourage our Street Invaders alumni and challenge them to go deeper in their walk with God as young Christian leaders.



Do you want people who are going to come in and sit in a pew every Sunday morning, or do you want people who are going to change the world for Christ?



Equipping students with the skills
they need to share their faith is
the reason for everything we do.

STUDENTS



Max Stevenson

*STREET INVADERS
STUDENT SINCE 2015*

Street Invaders does exactly what it says it does: “Make your faith real”. I was raised in a Christian family and I went to church and youth group every week, but it never really was that important to me. Church and youth group were a nice place to hang out with friends but not much more. I did not understand just how real and amazing

God is. I did not like having to wake up early to get ready to go to church and I thought it was boring. All in all, it was more my parent’s faith and not my own. When I look back to what changed it all for me in my life, I can trace it straight back to Street Invaders—I’ve gone on Street Invaders three times and have always loved it.

Street Invaders radically changed my life in several different ways. For starters, you get to make the most amazing friendships—real and authentic. Friendships that will last, and build you up. You meet the most amazing leaders who are dedicated to seeing you step out in faith, grow in your giftings, become a disciple, and have just have fun. Seriously, the people on Street Invaders are amazing.

Street Invaders also has the most incredible services and classes that will speak to you and your life. In these classes, I have gained a firm foundation of Biblical knowledge, and in the services, I have gained a firm foundation in my identity in Christ.

Another way Street Invaders has changed my life is the way it pushes me to step out in faith. Even though I had grown up in the church, I never really heard about street evangelism until I started Street Invaders. I have learned so much from doing outreach, like learning how to hear God's voice, how to step out, how to fail, how to get back up, and how to live out what Jesus has called me to do.

You will be amazed to see what God will do with you. Never would I have imagined that God would or could use me to step out and pray for people and see them healed. I can say with 100% confidence that I would not be the person I am today without Street Invaders.

When I explain to others my age what the program is, and why it's such a great way to spend their summers, I tell them what I was once told: "You have your entire life to work, but God wants to use you right now."

Regardless of how you choose to spend your summer, I know this— God will change your life on Street Invaders!

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Alissa Fenn

STREET INVADERS STUDENT SINCE 2015

Four years ago, my sister brought me to Street Invaders for the first time. I came into the program doubting the reality of my faith and dealing with a multitude of issues in my family life. At first, I didn't expect much, but during the program, I had an undeniably real experience with God for the first time.

Throughout the program, I was surrounded by leaders who accepted me and helped me to begin working through the pain in my life. Street Invaders was the catalyst in my walk with Christ, sparking a fire for my faith in my life. Ever since then, I haven't been

able to keep myself from coming back every summer—never ceasing to be amazed by what the Lord has in store.

There is no doubt that the transition between living off of your parents or family faith to developing your own meaningful relationship with God is difficult for almost all youth. Getting to know God one-on-one can be hard when there are so many people telling you it isn't worth it—I know—I struggled with that in my early teenage years.

However, Street Invaders was a place where my faith became real and personal. What really drew me in to Street Invaders the first time were the stories I heard about people truly experiencing the Holy Spirit. At Street Invaders, not only is the Holy Spirit present and longing to have youth encounter Him, but the leaders are so open and willing to help us understand what is going on.

After my first time encountering God at Street Invaders, I had many questions, and all the leaders were eager to share their experiences and help me on my journey. Street Invaders gave me a safe place to begin to form a meaningful relationship with Christ. I've seen countless peers have the same experience I did. Going to a place where everyone is so fervently pursuing Christ allowed me, and my friends, to make our faith our own.

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Street Invaders gives you practical tools to help keep your faith active once you leave the Christian bubble. Through the overflow of your own spiritual life, you can see your communities experience Jesus. Street Invaders is a safe place to make mistakes and have input and advice from leaders who have been through the same things that we have. The change that happens within your heart and the experiences you have don't remain at Street Invaders, they come home with you as you walk out daily discipleship.

Street Invaders is a place where you are pushed to grow in your faith, but it is also a really fun experience! You meet a lot of like-minded students and leaders. I've met my closest friends through the program. It gives you a place to find people who are also pursuing

their faith seriously. When you go home, you have a community that will help support you, long after that summer camp high fades.

Nothing brings people together quite like going on a mission trip; not only do you get to share your faith alongside your teammates, but you become like family. Going on a mission is also such a fun and unique experience that you can't really get anywhere else. When I look back at the past missions I've been on, I think of the amazing experiences and opportunities I had.

Not only has Street Invaders changed my life, but I have seen it change the lives of countless others. I am beyond grateful that I've been a part of this ministry, and I genuinely hope to see it continue to grow.





30 years.

Thousands of students.

Countless souls won for Christ.

**There's something special about
Street Invaders.**

**Just ask the pastors, leaders, parents and
students who got us here.**

This is our DNA.



Host a group, volunteer, or send your child today:

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