

# Show Notes:

## *Missions and Missional Experiences*



### SHOW OPENING (JM)

Welcome to Let's Chat, an ongoing conversation with youth workers and leaders about student ministry and whatever else we end up talking about. Thanks for joining us!

Today's episode will be a conversation about *Missional Experiences* and how churches can be and as part of our discussion, we're going to be talking about how to

I'm your host, J.M. McGinnis and today I'm thrilled to be joined by:

**Jen Willard** - Friend of the show, Coach for Fuller Institutes Cohorts, Contributing author for YS, Editor of the NYI Connect Blog, Pastor to Students at Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Ellicott City, Maryland

**David Hater** - Also a friend of the show and pastor to students at Living Word Church of the Nazarene in Houston, TX

**Greg Wells** - A NEW friend of the show, long time youth worker, currently the Executive Director of Love Your Neighbor Kentucky, Executive Director of Freedom Foundation Inc., and Appalachian and Costa Rica Site Coordinator for Encuentro Missions.

### EPISODE PREVIEW (HOST)

**In this episode we're going to be asking. . .**

- What is the goal of a missional experience? Where do we start? How can we avoid some common mistakes? And what are some best practices to make the most of our missional opportunities?

### HOST OUTLINE / QUESTIONS:

- Where do we start? Do we go all out and head to Brazil and spend a month ministering to orphans in the wastelands of garbage there? If not, where do we start? **GREG**
- What are some common mistakes or misconceptions people have about the role of missional experiences in the lives of students and student ministries? **JEN**
- What does a win look like for a missional experience for your group, for those you serve, or for an individual student? **DAVID**

### LET'S GET PRACTICAL: (Takeaways)

**What about practical tools? What are some best practices or practical tools we can pass on to our listeners today?**

- What about a timeline? When would you start promoting and building excitement for a mission trip? **DAVID**
- What are some common mistakes others can avoid that perhaps some on this episode may have made? **JEN**
- What are some best practices when preparing your group for a mission experience? **GREG**

### **NEXT STEPS**

*What are some resources we could point our listeners to who'd like to know more about*  
**MISSIONAL EXPERIENCES?**

**GREG** - Tell us about the missional organizations you are connected with!

### **SUMMARY**

Host summarizes the discussion in a few sentences and then transitions into the show closing.

### **SHOW CLOSING**

Thanks for joining us on Let's Chat!

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[www.encuentromissions.org](http://www.encuentromissions.org)

[www.loveyourneighborkentucky.com](http://www.loveyourneighborkentucky.com)

<https://orangestudents.com/resources/student-mission-trip-annual-timeline/>

### ● **FEATURE**

- For more on **Missional Experiences** check out NYICONNECT.COM for blog posts and more.
- AND, if you'd like to download the resources we talked about, visit the show notes for this episode at NYICONNECT.COM
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- Until next time, YOU GOT THIS & WE BELIEVE IN YOU!