

*Igniting
a Generation
that seeks HIM!*

JOY EL GENERATION'S

BARNABAS PROGRAM

FOR 4.12 LTP STUDENTS

HELPING YOU GROW
THROUGH THE HELP
OF A MENTOR



**What one
student says
about their
mentor:**

“God has used my
mentor to change
my life and
become the person
I am today!”

-Current 4.12 student

Joy El's Mission:
PROVIDING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE
LIFE-CHANGE
THROUGH PERSONAL
ENCOUNTERS
WITH GOD.

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Hanging out with adults can be a very good thing!

The idea of asking an adult to hang out with you at least once a month might make you a little nervous.



But sometimes the greatest blessings come when we leave our comfort zones — like when Peter got out of the boat to walk on the water to Jesus (see Matthew 14).

Not only is asking older people to help you grow in your faith a chance to see God at work in a unique way, but it is very biblical. Starting with Jesus, we see many examples in the Bible of people with wisdom taking time to invest in those who are spiritually less mature. In fact, in Titus 2, older people are told that they need to do this. So you're providing someone with an amazing opportunity!

You will find it is very cool for you too, as you have fun getting to know each other and learning from each other.

How do I find a mentor?

This person needs your parents' approval and a church leader's reference. Here are some things to consider:

- Someone you and your parents trust. This person needs your parents' approval and a pastor's reference (or another church leader's). Please use references who are not relatives.
- You should be sure that this person not only has a personal relationship with Jesus, but has a growing faith that is encouraging to others.
- This will probably be someone that others respect, either because of his/her obvious talents or because of his/her quiet, humble service. You should definitely respect him/her, not only inwardly, but through an outwardly respectful and grateful attitude. S/he is giving you a great gift by agreeing to serve as your mentor.
- Someone who has time for you at least once per month.
- Someone you feel comfortable talking with, or with whom you think you could become comfortable quickly.
- Someone you feel could encourage you and pray for you. You should pray for him/her too.
- Someone of the same sex.
- Someone with an email address s/he checks regularly, or who is willing to get one. (We keep in touch with the Barnabas mentors mostly through email.)

Then what do I do?

After prayerfully considering these things and talking with your parent(s), please use a mentor packet (provided by us) to invite a godly adult in your life to be your Barnabas mentor.

The mentor packet includes a brochure, invitation to serve as a mentor, application, basic guidelines for mentoring sheet, and reference form. Also provide an envelope you have prepared for them to submit their papers to Joy El. Your mentor candidate needs to submit an application and a reference in order for you to be considered for the 4.12 Leadership Training Program.

If S/he Says "No"

>Remember that the rejection is not personal, but most likely an issue of scheduling or him/her not feeling adequate for the task.

>Prayerfully consider another option. Ask for your parent(s)' or pastor's recommendation.

>If you have trouble finding a mentor, talk to Joy El's Barnabas Program Coordinator (Stephanie Ziebarth at stephanie@joyel.org).

*Know that we are here to answer your questions and to address your concerns. We want this to be the best experience possible for you and your mentor! Please talk with us.