



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Evening Sermon by Ray Reynolds (4-8-18)

Why We Do Lads to Leaders

Introduction: This is the year of Jubilee for Lads to Leaders, Heritage Christian University, and Gulf Shores Church of Christ! God is good! Since the formation in 1968, the mission of Lads to Leaders has been to develop youth into Christian leaders. From a group of eight boys in that first year to more than 20,000 today, the mission has remained the same. Train young people to use their talents to the glory of God! I have personally been associated with L2L since 2003 and I want to share with you seven reasons why I love L2L and why we do it at Gulf Shores.

Discussion:

- 1) *L2L Serves A Need (Proverbs 22:6)***
- 2) *L2L Provides A Tried & True Ministry (Matthew 18:6)***
- 3) *L2L Offers Many Programs (Ephesians 4:11-16)***
- 4) *L2L Teaches God's Word With No Agenda (II Chronicles 34:2)***
- 5) *L2L Brings the Church Together (Titus 2:2-4)***
- 6) *L2L Encourages Healthy Competition (Acts 1:23-26)***
- 7) *L2L Encourages Year-Round Participation (Matthew 25:14-30)***

Conclusion: We are so proud of the courage and determination our young people learn from L2L. They choose to serve God and use their talents to God's glory! Each of us should be doing the same (**Romans 12:6-8**). There is incredible freedom in operating in your strengths and working through your weaknesses. We need each other and we each need to be working in our full capacity. Are you using your talents? Are you encouraging others to serve?