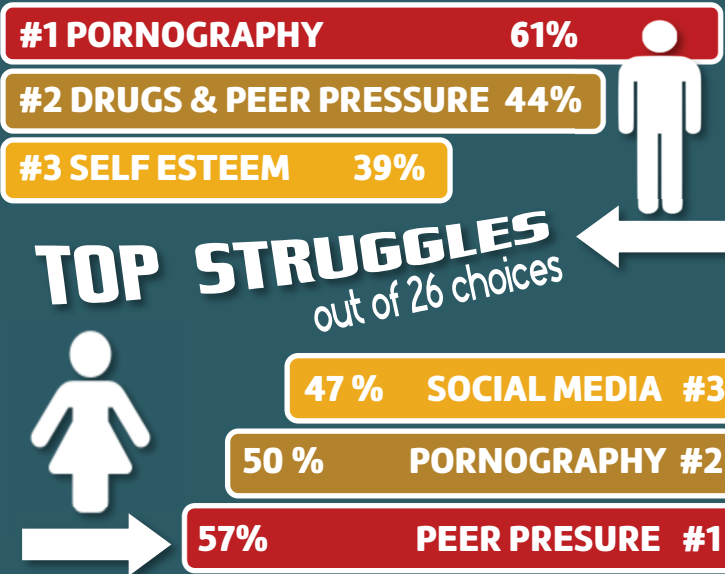


WHAT THE YOUTH WANT YOU TO KNOW



We asked our youth 4 important questions: What are your top struggles? How can your church support you? How can your parents support you? What can you do to support yourself? Here are some of their answers....



HOW THE CHURCH CAN HELP?



what parents can do?

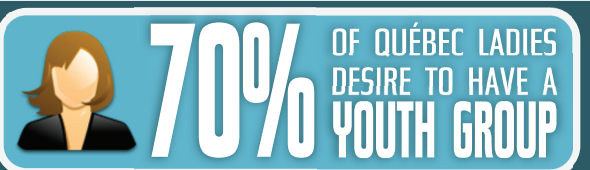
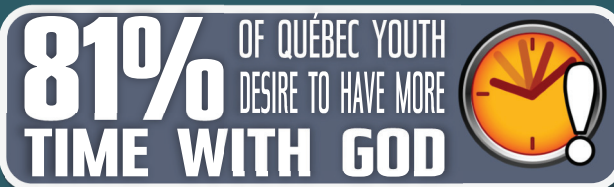


These are the top ranked options youth chose for their parents. Other options close behind were: Understand me; watch less TV, and prepare me for relationships.



RELEVANCY CHECK

out of 60+ options here are some top pics



REFLECTION & DISCUSSION GUIDE

We encourage you all to take time to review and reflect on some of the main points the youth have responded with. Our hope is that this study would go much further than 'reading news,' but result in some sort of positive response. Today, perhaps more than ever, our young people need support and guidance. They need you, and we need them. The Salvation Army is committed to having a greater impact on our youth, our prayer is that you will join in this cause. Please get involved in some way and support the families of your church and the initiatives your church has for youth.

Church reflection and discussion questions

- ⇒ As you read some of the top struggles the youth are facing what were some of your thoughts? How can your church begin/continue to address some of these struggles?
- ⇒ The majority of the youth have an overwhelming desire to have a personal time with God. What are ways your church can encourage and support them in this? How can the people in the church lead by example?
- ⇒ Many youth would like a regular youth group functioning in their church (especially the females). How could your church accomplish this? What does a successful youth group look like in your opinion?
- ⇒ One out of every two youth are feeling judged in some way by their own people. Why do you think this might be? What can you do to help prevent this trend?
- ⇒ Quite a few youth would like to see the church equip their parents to help disciple them. What do you think your church could do to accomplish this?
- ⇒ 1 in 3 youth think it would be good for the church to help equip their parents with more parenting skills. Are there ways your church can help?
- ⇒ Over 1 in 3 youth want to be more involved in their church. How can your church help them in this?
- ⇒ What other reflections are you taking away from this survey?



Parent reflections and discussion questions

- ⇒ When asked what the youth believed their families could do to support them, the following were the top three recommendations: Family devotions, praying together, and doing more activities together. Do those suggestions surprise you? Why or why not?
- ⇒ Family devotions and praying together can take all different styles and forms. How would it work best or how does it work best in your home? Take some time to talk to other parents how they do this.
- ⇒ Many of the youth wish to be better understood by their families. How do you interpret this? How do you respond to that?
- ⇒ Over 1 in 4 youth wish they respected their parents better. How does that make you feel?
- ⇒ As you read some of the top struggles the youth are facing, what were some of your thoughts? How can you respond to those struggles? Do you feel equipped to handle them?
- ⇒ 1 in 3 youth say they are struggling with secret sin and that they want to confess these burdens. How can you make them feel safe enough to share them with you?
- ⇒ 1 in 4 youth are wanting their families to prepare them for relationships. What steps can you take to equip them?
- ⇒ 1 in 3 Youth say media is a problem in their life. What can you home do to reduce the amount of bad media they are exposed to?
- ⇒ What other reflections are you taking away from this survey?

