



Leaders Notes

NO LONGER LOST

Youth Week occurs at different times in each state and territory. It is an opportunity to empower young people to engage in leadership, to connect through community events, and to be recognised and celebrated for their achievements.

The spiritual framework of the Youth and Young Adults team for 2024, follows the theme, 'No longer lost'.

As young people become more independent, they face new opportunities and decisions. But sometimes young people can question where they belong in this new, unknown environment.

The good news is that our place is with Jesus. When we feel alone, anxious, invisible or insignificant, we know that God sees us. We know that God loves us and that we belong in his family.

Youth Week is an opportunity for us to focus on the young people in our communities, creating spaces where they can belong, where they feel connected, secure and empowered. Where they know they are ... No longer lost.

Adapted from the Youth and Young Adults team — 2024 Spiritual Framework.

Scripture suggestion

But I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the Lord, have spoken! (Jeremiah 23:3-4, NLT)

Prayer

Father, thank you that you see us, no matter how insignificant we might feel within our world.

You know our worth better than anyone. You created us each — wonderfully complex, utterly unique.

Please bring meaning to our lives. Let each one of us find our purpose and place in you. As we explore our gifts and abilities within the safety of this space, help us to see how we can use our skills and passions to make a unique contribution to the world.

Comfort those young people who feel alone, anxious or invisible. Reassure them with your love. Give them a sense of belonging within your family and within this community of believers. Help us to create spaces where young people are accepted, celebrated and encouraged for who they are.

Challenge each one of us to be shepherds, helping to ensure that no one feels lost, that everyone finds their place, secure in your flock. Amen.

See the Youth and Young Adult website for additional information.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/youth-ya/no-longer-lost/>