

YEAR 1  
IMPACT

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darkroom





# OUR MISSION

**Darkroom empowers students to think critically and talk openly about their doubts and questions, helping them build a biblical foundation for life-giving and lasting faith.**

Three years ago, we began our journey as a small team of parents to understand how God might use us to help fortify and strengthen the faith of the next generation.

Like other Christian parents, we were experiencing firsthand the deeply anti-Christian sentiment from culture, and the ways it was eroding and condemning the beliefs of our children.

TEENS ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOW THEIR FAITH FITS IN TODAY'S CULTURE, YET OVER 1 IN 3 FEEL THEY CAN'T EXPRESS DOUBTS OR ASK THEIR MOST PRESSING LIFE QUESTIONS IN CHURCH.

We realized we needed to normalize and encourage open discussion around difficult questions in order to bring Biblical light to the dark and doubtful spaces in the minds of our youth. This understanding became the genesis for Darkroom.

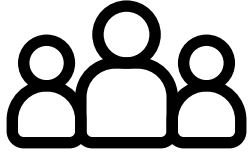
Darkroom exists to equip youth leaders and mentors by giving students a chance to voice their questions and doubts, and know they are truly heard and cared for by empathetic adult leaders.

We continue to pursue this effort for our children, for your children, and for all the children of this generation!

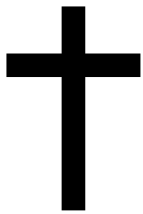
**Even the darkness is not dark to you,  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.  
Psalm 139:12**

# THE IMPACT YOU HAVE MADE

In our first year, Darkroom Faith released 14 videos and supporting curriculum on critical topics, impacting the faith of over 110,000 students.



**110,816 Students**



**3,463 Leaders**

Signed up to use Darkroom in churches, schools, and other organizations



**105,681 Video Views**



**360,063 Messages**

Read or listened to on website, social media, email, and podcast

## Supporting Organizations

RightNow Media  
TenX10 Collaboration  
Coleader (Download Youth Ministry)  
Urban Youth Workers  
Jesus Film Ministries  
Sugar Land Baptist Church  
Bayou City Fellowship

Association of Youth Ministry Educators  
National Network of Youth Ministries  
MXTV (Mission X)  
Ministry Architects  
Axis  
Oldham Foundation  
Scurlock Foundation

**"When I show Darkroom to my students, I feel confident that the production quality is so remarkable that it will grab and hold their attention, giving a chance for the Truth to enter their hearts and minds."**  
~Jonny Radcliff, National Network of Youth Ministries



# WHAT STUDENT LEADERS ARE SAYING

## Now the room is full each week and youth are talking!

"I just love how the guys and girls who used to sit half asleep in Sunday School now love going to Bob's class because of this material. Attendance was sporadic and now the room is full each week and youth are talking! Thanks again for being among the brave who aren't afraid to really reach teens where they are and understand that they want and need to think critically about faith."  
~Sheri K., Student Minister

## Impactful...amazing interactive discussion...close to first time commitments to Jesus!

"The discussion about religion was impactful for my boys. Many feel that all religions point to the same god and therefore, they can pick the faith that supports their lifestyle choices. Through the video, prayer, and amazing interactive discussion, we were able to move some of the boys to reconsider their views and to prayerful consideration that Jesus is unique. The concept of Grace versus judgment was helpful. One of the boys felt as though his life choices excluded him from God's love. I'm looking forward to more discussion. I feel like we're close to a couple of kids making first time commitments to Jesus!"  
~Wade K., Student Minister

## Opportunity to engage over sensitive issues in a meaningful way...

"From the very first week of walking through the Darkroom curriculum, one girl began to open up and ask questions I never would expect from a 15-year-old. From Doubt to Love to Science, she began to share her doubts and personal experience with faith in a new way. For the first time, we had the opportunity to engage with her over sensitive and personal issues in a meaningful way. She wasn't afraid to ask questions; she knew we wanted to hear her doubts. Now, we regularly engage in critical discussions over biblical passages and religious practices."  
~Chessie B., Student Minister

## A joy to find content that hits our students where they are...

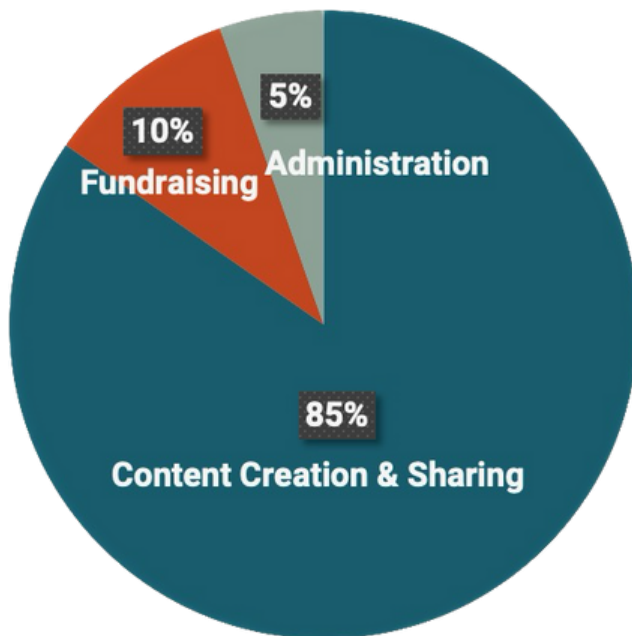
"It has been a joy to find such meaningful content that hits our students where they are. And to have excellent videos and clear leader guides is such a win for me as I prepare for our Youth group time. Our older students in particular have consistently thanked me for this series we are doing with Darkroom." ~Jeff M., Senior Pastor



# HOW YOUR INVESTMENTS WERE PUT TO WORK

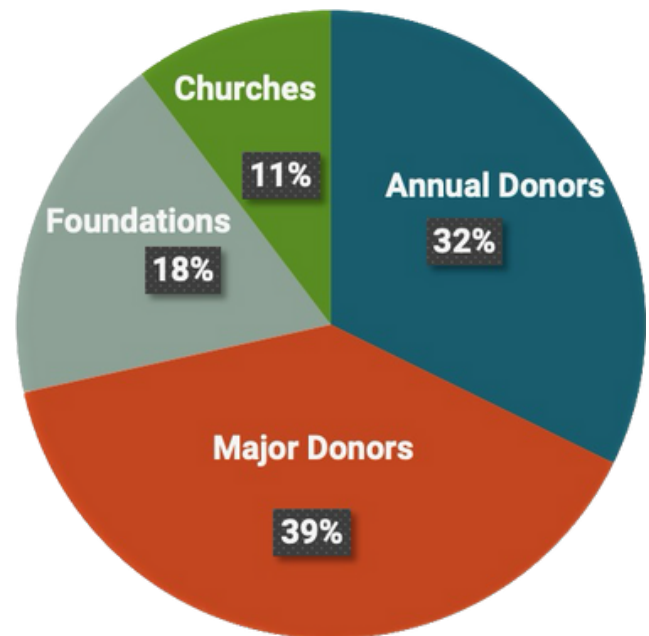
**85 cents of every dollar goes toward making and sharing content**

## 2022 Expenses



**Total : \$165,051**

## 2022 Donations



**Total: \$149,621**

**Total Cost to Produce the Series:  
\$1,012,086**

**An estimated 75% of church student ministers are volunteer or bi-vocational and so desperately need free resources such as Darkroom.**

**"This curriculum is head and shoulders above anything else I have used before, and AMAZINGLY it's free! Thank you so much for all you are doing to love teens and help connect them with God!"**

**~Chris A., Youth Minister**

# JOIN US IN DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITH

We are so thankful and encouraged with how we saw God move in our first year through the Darkroom series. In order for us to continue offering Darkroom for free and support ongoing ministry operations, we rely on the steady support of monthly donors.

**Will you join the Darkroom Team by becoming a monthly supporter today?**



**\$30 Provide Darkroom for 3 students**  
every month (36 students per year)

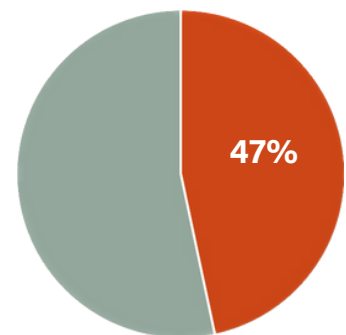


**\$50 Provide Darkroom for 5 students**  
every month (60 students per year)



**\$100 Provide Darkroom for a Small Church**  
(every month (12 churches per year)

**Monthly Goal Funded**



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