



The vast majority of mentoring programs or discipleship program focus their attention to the right of the threshold line. The number of people willing to 'mentor' or 'disciple' kids increases exponentially as you move to the right.

Young Life's heart beats for kids left of that line.

There is a scarcity of people willing to do the work on the left side of the line. Left of the line requires patience, courage, time, willingness to 'fail' often.

Due to the scarcity of people left of the line; YL leaders and staff should spend the majority of their time with kids left of the line. People who have reached independence in their walk with Christ should come back and join us on the left side.

I believe that mentoring programs that live on the right side of the line provide value in the Kingdom. I believe that most of them would say that they exist for 'at risk' kids, but every mentoring program that I am aware of (especially in urban settings) involve kids choosing to opt in. However I believe that at risk kids for the most part do not have a desire to succeed in life and therefore will never choose to opt in to these programs. This perpetuates cycles rather than breaking them.