

“Challenge Youth Conference”

To be honest, I wasn't too sure about this weekend. I was expecting a huge crowd similar to LTC. When I saw there weren't as many kids, I was disappointed. However, it was nice to be able to interact with our teachers and ask questions. I was excited to meet new people but other kids weren't interested so that made it hard to stay positive.

Saturday night was my favorite part. We joined two other groups in the hotel lobby to sing. Before we knew it, nearly everyone had joined. The singing was absolutely amazing. We later learned that professional musicians arrived when we were singing. They said, "That is pure acapella." They then proceeded to record us.

After meeting the two other church, I knew I would want to come to this conference again. This weekend I have thought so much about my identity and the light I give off to others. I have realized how I can change. I am eager to see how I can change the lives of my peers. - Grace Bird

CYC has been a great experience! The theme was about our identity in Christ. I learned that as a Christian, we need to know who we are and what our purpose is in this life. We need to shine our light. Let everyone know that our identity is in Christ; through the actions we take and how we act towards others.

My favorite part of the trip was the last night when a few of the groups gathered together to sing to God. It was so beautiful to see all these people who genuinely love God and you could see the love through how passionately they sang to God. For me personally it was really special because I was singing with my heart to God and paying attention to the words I was singing. Nothing else was more important than showing God how much I love him.

Overall, it was a great experience. I got closer to God and others in the youth group. This trip is just a great opportunity to grow spiritually in God. – Ciera Lopez