

## Las Vegas Family Church Youth and Young Adult Ministry Kickoff Gathering

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The program started off with an Icebreaker called “The Blanket Game”. The purpose of the icebreaker was to simply have fun before the more serious portion of the gathering. The participants were split into two teams and one person from each team would take turns kneeling behind a blanket, which was held up by the referee, and prepared their most serious face while thinking of a way to make their opponent laugh without laughing themselves. Both teams enjoyed being able to be silly and laugh with their brothers and sisters.

After the icebreaker, the food arrived and J. Yanai offered blessings over the food that was handmade by his beautiful wife and our brother K. Sekine. It was a meal of Yakisoba and Miso soup. Some would think that our meal was rather humble; however, it was filling because it was made by the loving and caring hands of our brothers and sisters. After all, the best meals are not the ones that cost the most; they’re the ones that are made with love. Many of us had seconds and thirds.

After dinner, Josh went into detail about the purpose of (Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) and True Mother’s vision for the youth and young adults in the movement. He shared his heart with the attendees by expressing his goal and his desire for YAYAM. He strongly feels that a stronger and more connected community can bring about the change and growth that Las Vegas desperately needs. At the end of his explanation, 5 brothers and 4 sisters volunteered to be Trinity Leaders: Jonathan, Kobe, Keita, Josh, Dave, Debbie, Nica, Eri and Kinesha. Then, the participants broke off into small groups to discuss ideas on how to form trinities. Three questions were formulated: 1) What do you want to gain out of your trinity? 2) Where are you at in your life? And 3) What are you passionate about? They were then asked to request their top three choices for a Trinity Leader. The results are to be tallied and calculated by Josh later on this week. Throughout the gathering, brothers and sisters were able not only to hear the vision for Las Vegas Youth but to begin to embrace what YAYAM as their own and propel it into the future!