



# tomtod

## What is TomTod?

We spend a lot of time at Flipd talking about how God created everything, including us, and about his plan and desires for all of his creation. We challenge each other to consider what our response is to that and what our role is in the story that God is writing throughout history.

However, sometimes when you're a middle schooler, it can feel like it's not your turn yet. People that are older, wiser, and more experienced get called on to do everything. Yeah, you're in line, but you're not up to bat yet. So you go to school, you participate in Flipd, you choose to do things that will help you to learn, grow, and become what God called you to.

In I Timothy 4:12, we read one of the most well known verses in youth ministry: **"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in faith, in life, in love, in speech, and in purity."**

It's interesting to me that Paul encourages Timothy not to just wait his turn, but to "set an example" for those around him. Guess what? Your number just got called and they're waiting for you to get to the plate.

TomTod is built around the idea that God is ready for you to enter his story, see the world through his eyes, and make a difference today. TomTod asks what the ideas, dreams, and hopes are that God has given you for his world. TomTod is about unleashing tomorrow's leaders today.

## How does TomTod work?

It's pretty straight forward. Do you have an idea, dream, or passion that God has given to you? If so, use a TomTod application to record that idea and turn it in to us. We'll go through the applications that we receive and choose several to participate in an interview process. From there, we will select one or two ideas that will become our TomTod projects for 2012. We'll surround these ideas with student leaders, mentors, resources, and a network to help make it happen.

## Who is TomTod open to?

Any middle school student in Flipd, the middle school ministry of First Friends Church.

## When are TomTod applications due by?

All TomTod applications must be turned in by February 12th. Follow up interviews will be scheduled the week of February 27th. Projects will be chosen by March 4.

## What if my idea doesn't get chosen?

Unfortunately, we won't be able to do all of the ideas that are submitted. There are a couple ways forward if we can't help with your idea this time around. One option is that the timing might not be quite right. Sometimes it is appropriate to wait, for any of a variety of reasons. Another option is that you can pursue the idea on your own. It might be something that you could make happen with a group of friends and your parents. If we don't choose your idea, we'll meet with you and give you some feedback and thoughts about ways forward and further research or development you might want to pursue.

## How do I get started?

Take some time to dream, think, and pray. Talk it over with some friends and then fill out an application!

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**Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Please type your answers and check for spelling and use complete sentences. Both the presentation of the idea and the content of the idea are important.**

In two sentences, express the core of your idea.

How did you get this idea?

Write a longer, more detailed explanation of your idea. Questions to consider include (but aren't limited to): What sort of preparation would be needed? What would it look like at completion? Who would/could be involved? Include as many ideas, thoughts, and details as possible.

Why is this something that matters to you?

Who have you shared this idea with? What have their responses been like? Are any of them interested in working with you on this?

Any other thoughts/reflections that you want us to know?