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Dr. Dave Rahn is the director of Huntington College's LINK INSTITUTE, *for faithful & effective youth ministry*. LINK INSTITUTE ([www.linkinstitute.com](http://www.linkinstitute.com)) is well regarded for the research contributions they have made to help improve the practice of youth ministry. Dr. Rahn also serves in a national ministry leadership consultant role with YFC. Some of his insights:

“A number of our research studies suggest that Christian students tend to see evangelism as a task--or series of tasks--to do, rather than as a natural outgrowth of their relationships with non-Christians. In fact, by looking closely at the data collected at DC/LA 2000 we've begun to understand that when students are aggressive in *telling* or even *inviting* behaviors with their non-Christian friends they are LESS likely to take initiative to *listen* and *discover* what the needs of those friends might be. That's one of the reasons I believe YFC's Three-Story™ evangelism training is incredibly important for our disciple-making mission today.”

“It's accurate to say that a majority of DC/LA students (from research conducted for each of the last three events in 1994, 1997, and 2000) made commitments to and discovered a plan for how to share the gospel such that their evangelism practices have been increased significantly.”

## **After DC/LA 2000...**

- 77% of students attending indicated that they are able to share their personal rescue story at any time; over half of those indicated that this has been true for them ONLY SINCE DC/LA

- 95% of students attending indicated that they were convinced that they need to share their faith with others

- 95% of students attending indicated that they made a commitment to God that is still important to the way they try to live every day

- 72% of students attending indicated that they now have a plan for sharing their faith with their friends; 3/4 of these students said that this was true ONLY SINCE DC/LA

- 95% of students attending indicated that they have learned how to share their faith with others

- nearly 70% of students attending indicated that SINCE DC/LA they made a commitment to God to share their faith more open

- 82% of students attending indicated that they are willing to go into full-time ministry if God wants them to; nearly half of those indicated that this was true ONLY SINCE DC/LA