

My name is Jeff Hughes and I am the Director of Youth Ministries at Amelia United Methodist Church. Our Church hosted a Worldview Warriors event on January 13, 2013. First of all, the band did an excellent job leading our congregation in worship. They were not only technically proficient, but they clearly cared and had a heart for what they were singing about. The production values were solid, but not so solid as to distract from the spiritual atmosphere of the event. Jason DeZurik was an engaging speaker. He has a gift for storytelling and used them to illustrate the power and providence of God. Several of my students after appreciated the concrete demonstration of what a relationship with God looks like. He inspired our group to make a specific decision to rely on God for everything in life!

Our group was especially equipped for the Kingdom in a few ways. The first is through dynamic worship. The band encouraged us to keep our thoughts focused on God and on what He thought of us. The effects were noticeable to anyone present in the room. The second way in which we were equipped for the Kingdom was through Jason's teaching. As I said earlier, his personal stories were powerful. However, they were more than just that. Many speakers excel at manipulating emotions to compel their audience to an emotional high. Jason did not go in this direction. Rather, his talk was quite practical and simply gave our kids examples of what a life given to God really looks like. This approach is appreciated because, once time passes, the emotional high fades and usually leaves nothing behind for students to grab onto. Jason left behind solid teaching challenging our students to rely on God to provide for all of their needs. Our church would absolutely recommend Jason DeZurik and his ministry, Worldview Warriors.

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