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undreds of students from across the SBCV were equipped to "live sent" at the 2024 Youth Evangelism Conference.

Students from more than 60 SBCV churches gathered at **London Bridge Baptist Church** in early January 2024 for the conference (Friday, January 12 through Saturday, January 13).

The event featured interactive games and competitions, a concert by hip-hop artist Tedashii, worship led by the Liberty Worship Collective, and preaching by evangelist Ryan Fontenot.

Fontenot began Friday evening's session by challenging the students to live their lives on mission for Jesus Christ.

"My hope is that we would leave here tomorrow and that we would live sent." Fontenot said.

"That we would live our life on mission. That we would realize that we've been saved to be sent. That we who have been rescued have been called to rescue others. That we who have been found have now been called to find others."

Fontenot explained that to live sent, students need to be real, ready, and resilient.

Students must be real with where they are currently with God, be ready to share the Gospel message and be resilient in their walk with Christ.

Fontenot spent Saturday morning's session showing students how to share the Gospel using four emoji symbols.

The heart (representing God's love), the division sign (representing sin), the cross, and a question



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mark (representing the decision a person must make).

Fontenot then challenged students to write down the names of others they knew who needed Jesus.

"I don't want you just to write their name and come up and slap it on a board," Fontenot said.

"As you write those names, I want you to pray for them. God use me to tell James about Jesus. God save James. God, James is lost, and I know it, and you've put him in my life, and he's on my heart, and God, I pray you save James."

Fontenot spent the final session showing students the importance of being resilient while living on mission.

"Coming to Jesus is not the finish line; it's the starting line," Fontenot said. "Living sent is not an option. If you are following Jesus, you are sent by Jesus."

Mike Camire, the student ministry coordinator for the SBCV, closed out the weekend by encouraging students to make a difference for Christ upon returning home.

"We're commissioning you back to your communities, to your homes, and your churches. We don't leave what we've experienced this weekend here. We carry it back with us," Camire said.

"Go and be the shining lights God has called you to be. We're excited to commission you back home. We love that you're here, but more importantly, we're excited about what will happen when you get back home. The Lord's going to continue to stir. The Lord's going to continue to work."

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