

The Parents' Role with the Youth and Family Ministry

Key Principles

- A. Ministry to my teen starts with me and is my responsibility. (The foundation of the teen ministry is the parents and families.)
- B. People who commit their goals to paper are much more likely to achieve them.
- C. The teen ministry will be the most effective for your teen if you are active and engaged.

Encouragements for Parents (Practical)

1. Set a good example of Christ for your teens and love your teens the way God loves you.
2. Build a great relationship with your teens that will help them make their own adult positive decisions.
3. Help build the community (adults, singles, campus, etc.) around your teens who will be an inspiration to them and whom they trust.
4. Stay in touch with teen leaders on upcoming events and help teens plan for those events.
5. Pray about and complete this worksheet. Then continue to work on it as a roadmap to ensure that their specific needs are addressed.

What do I need to change in my character to be an inspiration to my teenager and not a stumbling block?

What do I need to change in my relationship with my teenager to help them see God and grow to love Him?

Who are the people in the church (closer to my teen's age) that my teenager looks up to as a positive spiritual role model who might possibly become a spiritual mentor? (The teen ministry may be able to assist with and facilitate these relationships.)

How do I stay connected with teen ministry plans?

Circle: Email "OneCall"(Voice/Text) Calendar Newsletter

Who are my teenager's friends in the church?

Who are my teenager's friends outside the church?

Who are the other parents in the church who my teenager knows and trusts?

Who is my small (2-6) network of adults and families?

- families our family can be close to
- teens I might support and mentor
- parents to support and mentor my teen(s)
- parents from whom I frequently seek encouragement, advice, and discipling

Which teen or teens would I like to begin supporting / mentoring as a "spiritual uncle or aunt"?

What do I need to talk to my teen about? (e.g. to help them be willing to learn about God and be engaged in the teen ministry and its activities)

What else do I need to do?
