

## “Partnering With Parents”

**God’s Plan:** For \_\_\_\_\_ to be the primary spiritual leaders of their children.

*“So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 19Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 20Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates...” – Deuteronomy 11:18-20*

*“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”  
– Proverbs 22:6*

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.” – Ephesians 6:4*

*“Children must be fed. They must be well fed, or instructed, because they are in danger of having their cravings perversely satisfied with error. The only way to keep chaff out of the child’s cup is to fill it brimful with good wheat. The more the young are taught, the better; it will keep them from being misled.”  
– Charles Spurgeon*

### Ways To Equip Parents To Spiritually Nurture Their Kids:

- When parents bring a child to me and ask me to lead him to Christ, I explain to them the \_\_\_\_\_ they might be missing. I give them some pointers about how they can talk to their child about Christ and pray with him or her.
- We involve parents in \_\_\_\_\_ for their kids.
- We have a comprehensive \_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen families.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the content for every age group in the church so we’re all studying the same passages and learning similar lessons.
- We include a \_\_\_\_\_ in the weekly bulletin and online.
- We conduct \_\_\_\_\_ to train parents to talk to their kids about important topics.
- We’ve designated every Sunday night as our “\_\_\_\_\_” so kids and their parents can worship together.
- To elevate the importance of the parents’ role, we’ve taught a number of \_\_\_\_\_ on family dynamics, communication, forgiveness, understanding, and love.

*“The more intentional a church is about giving parents the confidence and the tools to raise up spiritual champions, the more effective we found the congregation’s parents to be as spiritual mentors.”  
– George Barna*

### **You Might Ask:**

- What are your \_\_\_\_\_ about how our church can equip parents to be the spiritual leaders in their homes?
- How can we make a better \_\_\_\_\_ between what the parents are getting in sermons and the children are hearing in kids' church?
- What are some \_\_\_\_\_ we can put in parents' hands for them to use with their kids?
- How can we help parents understand how to talk about their \_\_\_\_\_ lives in conversations with their kids?
- What kind of classes or seminars can we use to \_\_\_\_\_?
- What can I do to help you in \_\_\_\_\_ and implementing these plans?