

**CHM Leadership Certification
Level III, Course #3**

**Partnering With Parents
(Handouts)**

Partnering with Parents

Parents are primary spiritual mentors of children and it is essential to extend ministry into the home and partner with them.

- No one has more potential to influence a child's relationship with God than parents.
- No one has more potential to monitor a child's relationship with God than parents.

Parents

- know children
- time
- relationships
- trust
- teens choose mum first then dad

Parents Need To:

- **Incite Wonder**
So children grow up continually amazed at how great God is and how much he loves them.
- **Provoke Discovery**
So children can pursue a lifestyle of building a relationship with Jesus and be guided by His word and spirit.
- **Fuel Passion**
So children can have a sense of passion that will drive them to be like Jesus and do as He did.

Faith Skills

- Navigate the Bible
- Personalize Scripture
- Dialogue With God
- Articulate Personal Faith

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Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Impress Your Children

“Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Barna , p. 81

“When a church – intentionally or not – assumes a family’s responsibilities . . . it fosters an unhealthy dependence upon the church to relieve the family of its Biblical responsibility.”

Church: *What if?*

Believing in the potential of the family to influence their own kids

Partnering to impact the next generation – Orange

Home: *What if?*

Families started believing in the potential of the church to influence their kids

Rowing the boat in unity

Geese flying together in a formation

1. *Believe in your parents*

- Do you believe that most parents want to be good parents?
- Do you believe that God has called them?

2. *Spiritually nurture them*

“Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. these . . . Are to be on your hearts.” Deut. 6: 4-6