

OUR HEART FOR STUDENTS

Ministry Moments...

 Opportunity to talk about why we do what we do and where our motivation for doing it comes from

God's heart for young people...

- Deut 6 the home is the primary environment for passing on faith to the next generation
- Nearly 80% of people who becomes Christians do so before the age of 21
- Our young people are generally open to spiritual realities both good and bad

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Current Reality...

- Very strong push from our culture for our young people to adopt cultural values that are contrary to God's design and plan for human flourishing
- God's people have a horrible track record of passing on faith
- Many of our kids are leaving their faith behind when they leave home
- There are more broken homes and families then ever before and our kids are bearing the burden

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Our Heart for Young People...

- We want are kids to stand in their faith when they head off to college or enter the workforce
- We're desperate for our kids to fall in love with Jesus and be connected to the body of Christ (the Church)

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How Can We Do This...

- 1. We're in this together the home is primary but not the only environment for discipleship
- 2. As a community of faith we need to be serious about passing on faith, not just skills and career choices
- 3. Prioritize the spiritual development of our kids

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Our Strategy...

- 1. Our youth ministry is designed to create an environment where our young people can discover Jesus for themselves and begin the process of making their faith their own
- 2. We are preparing them for life in the Body of Christ (preaching, worship, doing life together)
- 3. Give God a Year

