

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

While much of your time as a youth pastor will be spent with students, you are probably aware that they only make up one-third of your ministry. You also have to focus your attention on adult volunteers and parents. Without the involvement of these key adults, the odds of you having a lasting impact on your students goes way down. Partnering with parents is one of the most successful routes you can take in your goal to make disciples.

By design, parents are meant to be the chief disciple-maker of their kids (Deut. 6:4–7, Prov. 22:6). Even if you have a student attend everything your youth ministry offers, what does that time add up to? Four, maybe five hours a week? That is a fraction of the time they spend with their parents every week. Most parents want to disciple their kids but struggle to know how or where to begin. They need a partner. They need you.

Because parents are the primary faith influencers of their children, your youth ministry needs to be that critical third-party voice. You are the supplementary advocate that reinforces parents' disciple-making efforts at home. When working in tandem, parents and youth pastors/volunteers strengthen the example for students of how to walk with Christ. Partnering with parents in youth ministry allows you to dig even deeper into a student's life and equip them to own their faith as they move out of your ministry.

Put simply, if you want to reach and make a lasting impact on your students, you have to partner with their parents. They play a vital role in making disciples.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS FOLDER

COMMUNICATION

- Weekly Email Templates centered around each lesson

TRAINING

- 3 Parent Meeting Guides

EVENTS

- 2 Family Night Events
- 3 Family Service Project Guides
- 10 Parent/Student Faith-At-Home Activities