Raising Children Thru the Ages

All Ages

- MOMS - Delighting in Your Kids
- DADS – Staying Spiritually Engaged
    - Walk with God
    - Growing and Changing
    - Being a Disciple & Getting Discipling

Infants & Toddlers (BETH)

Young Children (DAVE)

Their World

Life Outside of Your World

- You cannot protect them
- They will get hurt
- They will have problems

Learning to Interact with Adult & Kids
Relationship Conflicts
Discipline Issues Outside of Home

Our Parenting

MODELING – The Middle
Gal 6:7-10
Teaching Respect for Authority
Training through relationships
Responsibility & Consequences
Establishing Relationship Patterns

- Sleepovers
- Who they spend with

Big Memories

- Family vacations
- Fun together
- Holiday memories

Establish Spiritual Patterns

- Regular family time
- Regular Bible open
- Praying
- Hospitality

Middle School (BETH)

High School (DAVE)

Their World

The World!

- You will see the draw
- Boys
- Girls
- Sex
- Parties

Identity Crisis

- They are figuring it out

Curiosity & Experimentation

- Most kids are!

Stress of Future

- Academics
- Sports
- Career

Materialism

- The need to HAVE stuff

Emotions can vary hourly!
Lostness!

Our Parenting

Extreme Parenting

- Be ready for anything
- Erratic behavior requires faith!

Spiritual Support

- Talk constantly with others
- Lots of help
- Have people that really know you and your kids

Multiple Relationships for Kids

- Encourage adult involvement
- Encourage big brothers/sisters
- Engaged and giving to ministry
- Encourage peer relationships

Parental Shift

- Relationship priority
- Discipline needs to change

Preparing for Adulthood

- Train, train, train
- Work Ethic
- Spirituality
- Relationships

Conversation

- Find ways to stay engaged
- Many parents tempted to back off
- Strive to understand
- Come alongside them & connect
- Learn to deescalate conflict

Choose Your Battles