

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Discipling Others

The home is the center for biblical guidance. This newsletter is for you, the parent, to discuss with your teenager the biblical truths and principles discovered in their small group Bible study.

The class that your teenager is a part of uses a Bible study curriculum called Fuel Ignited: Living Your Faith. These studies will help teenagers live out their faith through their relationships

Why Discipling Others Is Important

An important part of growth as a Christian is making disciples within your sphere of influence. Often we hear an emphasis on evangelism, but we sometimes forget that new Christians need guidance as they mature in Christ. Teenagers may have the opinion that discipling is the responsibility of the “professionals.” But God expects us all to seize those opportunities we have to help new Christians develop into lifelong disciples.

Key Points from Their Bible Study

•You can help a new Christian grow in Christ by leading him or her to baptism, church involvement, and daily time with God (Ps. 119:9-16; Acts 2:41-47; 8:35-39; Heb. 10:25).

Life Question: *How can I help a new Christian?*

•Christians can be sure of their salvation because of the work of Christ, the affirmation of Scripture, and the witness of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:15-17; Titus 3:5-7; 1 John 5:11-13).

Life Question: *How do I help someone be assured of salvation?*

•You can lead others in Bible study when you invite them to see what the Bible says and how it applies to life (Ps. 119:89-112; 2 Tim. 2:1-2).

Life Question: *How do I start a small group Bible study?*

•You can encourage others to see worship as their response to the presence of God (Ps. 8:1-9; 65:1-4; Matt. 22:37-38; Rom. 12:1-2).

Life Question: *How can I lead others to worship?*

and influence. This newsletter hits the key points in the current Fuel Ignited study. Use this to engage your teenager in discussion. This can take place during a designated time the two of you have set aside, or it can take place as you grab those teachable moments as you travel in the car together.

Discussion Starters

- Ask: **What was most helpful to you when you were a new Christian? What do you wish that someone had told you?** Remind your student of the help he or she got from more mature Christians and point out that it is possible to provide the same help to other new Christians.
- Discuss circumstances and events that can cause Christians to doubt their salvation. If appropriate, share your own personal experiences when you have experienced doubt. Explain what has helped you to have assurance of your salvation and suggest that your student can share the same ideas when a friend expresses doubt.
- If your student is already a part of an ongoing Bible study, suggest ways that he or she can invite others to participate. If not, encourage him or her to consider starting one. Provide resources such as *ec* as a beginning point.
- Ask: **How would you define worship? Is it more about location or attitude? Do you find yourself helping or hurting others' ability to worship in a group setting?** Discuss ways your student can avoid being a hindrance to an atmosphere of worship. Facilitate your student's ability to have a personal worship time by providing a private space in your home or allowing time in his or her schedule for prayer, Bible study, and quiet reflection.