

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON # 96: CONNECTING HEARTS AND HOME: CHURCH, PARENT, TEEN – MINISTRY TO FAMILIES WITH TEENAGERS**

OUTLINE BY CYNTHIA WATTS

1. **80%** of active youth are not in church after high school graduation. Part of the cause is lack of **spiritual leadership** in the home.
2. Many parents are dealing with **career, money, divorce, social life**, and other family issues, and have emotionally detached from their teenagers.
3. Teens who are hurting not only push their **parents** away, but also push away from the **faith, morality, and values** of their parents.
4. If your church has a youth/student ministry, your church needs a ministry to **parents and families**, too.
5. We must equip our parents to teach **biblical truths** and make it part of their **daily life**.
6. Identify **model parents** in your church who have exemplified Godly parenting skills, and ask them if they would be a **resource** for parents who are troubled or have troubled teens.
7. Create a **monthly email or newsletter** to communicate with families of teens.
8. Encourage your families to **eat at least one meal together** daily. The number one characteristic of National Merit scholars is that they **eat meals** with their families.
9. Be an example to the parents in **listening and asking questions** when talking to the teens to open up communication, rather than **criticizing** them.
10. Provide **classes** for parents, such as The Five Love Languages of Teenagers by Gary Chapman. (This book is available at LifeWay bookstores and other bookstores). Even **two** is enough for a class.
11. Don't leave out **single parents**. They need extra support and want to be included.
12. The more **spiritual discipline** the teen has in the home, the more likely the teen will stay in church as an **adult**.

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