



Student Ministries

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In Transition

Here it comes.....High School graduation, Junior High promotion, 6th grade promotion that's a lot of movement! We are entering into the beginning of transition season for the students of ReSet. With so much movement there are bound to be stressors your preteen/teen is facing. But how do we go about coming alongside them? Should we always be right? Here are a five tips I have found helpful during this exciting but stressful time.

Lay the foundation if you haven't already. When our students are younger we make decisions that will affect them the rest of their lives. Some are within our control and others require deliberate intentionality on our part. Working outside the home, educational choices, outside activities, amount of tv/computer/phone time, etc. are all areas we should give thought and attention to. These formative years are fleeting and demand an enormous amount of energy. You will not regret the love and time poured into your children.

Give your Student room to make mistakes – and learn how to fix them. By always rescuing our teens we deprive them of the opportunity to fail and learn valuable lessons from that failure. It also gives *us* the opportunity to show grace and be a continuing influence in their lives.

Spend more time listening than advising. I tend to have all the solutions when I need to just listen and be a sounding board. Avoid lecturing. If I don't listen, my teen likely won't talk to me.

Choose the relationship over being right. So many times we want to prove we are right, but does it really matter? The relationship needs to be more important or your teen is apt to find someone else to share their life with.

Pray for them. Sometimes we think prayer is the last resort, but it should actually be the first. Ask God to send people into your young adults' lives that will be wise and encourage them in their walk with the Lord. Ask how you can pray *for* them. Actively pray *with* them.

Above all else, remember that God is both behind and before us and our students. Nothing takes him by surprise. If you find yourself conflicted about a situation ask HIM for the Holy Spirits guidance. There is no better advocate for your student than God himself. See you Sunday!



- ◆ All Servant sale \$\$\$/Hours due: May 20th
- ◆ Camp balance/Forms due: May 27th
- ◆ Bonfire Fellowship: June 1st 8-10 pm @ Jenny's. Bring snacks to share!