

3. Group discussion questions

- a. Was there any one that modeled what Christian discipleship, (transformation) looked like for you?
- b. Of all the "doctrines" in the personal assessment which ones do you feel the most confident describing? Which ones do you feel least confident with?
- c. What is the difference between comprehending truths and being transformed by them? What does that look like in your life? In your children's lives?

Personal Assessment:

1 - 3 - 5 The Gospel, I can describe biblically sin, atonement, what the Bible says about being saved, and being lost.

1 - 3 - 5 The Big Story, I can explain how Adam, Noah, Abraham, Israel, the judges, kings, and prophet, the disciples and Apostles are related to Jesus and the plan of redemption

1 - 3 - 5 The Big Truths, I understand and can teach core passages of Scripture about God, His Character, the trinity, Creation, God's Providence, Human nature and sin, the person work and ministry of Jesus, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the church, and last things.

1 - 3 - 5 The Great Commission, I comprehend, relate to and can explain how God views the lost, leads those seeking to win them to Jesus and empowers the word of God to draw them.

1 - 3 - 5 The Spiritual Disciplines, I have learned how to, and practice Bible study, praying, worship, ministry and stewardship.

1 - 3 - 5 Christian Living, I can describe Scripture and key truths regarding forgiveness, marriage & family, sexual purity, parenting, discernment and biblical principles of decision making. I can describe the implications of Open Theism, Modalism, Universalism, and Calvinism have on these teachings.

1 - 3 - 5 Worldview, I am able to point to and explain Scriptures that help Christians understand and explain to others the implications of the Bible regarding atheism, naturalism, evolution, and ethical issues such as the sacredness of human life, sanctity of marriage, the rule of law, and principles of economics.

Milestone Celebrations

- First Bible
- Personal quiet time
- Youth leadership roles in the church in youth group and at school
- First 'camp-out/sleep over'
- First over-nighter with the youth group
- Pre & post baptism studies
- Baptism



Synergy Milestone #1 Discipleship



Learning and Commitment: Guiding parents with resources designed to help desire a greater level of commitment including Baptism into Christ.

1. **Bible Study**— Rom. 10:17; Heb. 5:11-6:3; 9:14; 2 Pet. 1:5-11; 1 Cor. 8:12; 1 Tim. 4:2

- Your children can not commit to that which you and they have not _____ through, seen _____ and _____.
- Basics first, then _____, teach more and _____.
- Embrace the _____, _____ and _____.
- _____, transformation, _____ and then progressive _____.

2. Types of Resources to Consider

Scripture, Websites (see Pinterest), Books, TLCC Library, Local Community Agencies (see TLCC Doctrinal Affirmation for Teachers)

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3. Group discussion questions

- How has your worldview changed since you became a committed Christian? Parent? What changed the Psalmist worldview? Have you ever felt like worldly people have it easier than Christians? How can you explain that to your children/grandchildren? What did the Psalmist (73) say "is good"?
- How might a person's perspectives and life choices be different if they become convinced that children are a gift from God rather than property of parents?
- How might the differing theories of evolution and creation have affected parents and the way they relate to their children?
- What key principles of child-rearing can be found in the Ps. and Proverbs passages?

Milestone Celebrations

The Baby Shower—TLCC families, friends, CARE group members and Adult Bible Fellowships typically plan showers by contacting the office to schedule an event.

The First Service Welcome— Our nursery ministry typically announces baby arrivals with a flower on Sunday morning. Let us know the first Sunday you plan to attend.

Parent's Dedication Sunday- Contact the nursery ministry team leader or Mary Rosado for the next date.

Preschool/1st Day of School



Synergy Milestone #2 Early Years

Prenatal thru Early Childhood: Resources that will support and encourage parents of young children.



1. Bible Study

Ps. 73; Mat. 19:13,14 ; Jer. 1:5 ; Pr. 13:24 ; Pr. 22:9; Ps. 127:3-5; Ps. 139:13-16

- Children are a _____ from God not a " _____ " of two people's love.
- Parents are to be teachers and _____ of _____ not _____ to their children.
- Consistency and discipline _____ based on _____ from God and _____ from other successful parents promotes balance & peace.

2. Types of Resources to Consider

Scripture, Websites (see Pinterest), Books, TLCC Library, Local Community Agencies, CARE Group

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Synergy Milestone #3 Teens

Adolescence can be tough! Resources to help parents and their youth develop spiritual disciplines and embrace upcoming adulthood.

3. Group discussion questions

- a. How did you and any siblings you have act out trying to be an adult as an adolescent? How did your parents react?
- b. Did your parents do anything that "exasperated" you when you were young? How did you react?
- c. Think back about a recent time of conflict with one of your teens. What would it look like if consequences provided the discipline rather than your punishment?
- d. How might a conflict with a friend or someone in the youth group help you help your teen deal with disappointment in life? Is it more important that they learn their rights or how to deal with disappointment (refining)?
- e. How will you deal with dating? Why will you handle it that way?
- f. Discussion on current trends: homosexuality

Milestone Celebrations

- Identity
- Teen worker at church camp
- School awards
- CIY/NYR
- D-Group leader
- Youth Sunday services
- College visit
- Graduation
- Commitment to purity
- Dating/Courting
- College Visits/commitment

1. **Bible Study** Lk. 2:41-50; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; Pr. 14:12; 23:13-14; Jer. 29:11; 1 Kgs. 1:6; 1 Sam. 3:13-14 ; 1 Jn. 1:9
 - It is natural for youth to begin seeking their own _____ and writing their own _____.
 - Discipline without exasperation is dependent on _____ and _____ from the parents.
 - Using consequences rather than punishment to define behaviors provides a balanced perspective of _____, _____, & _____.

2. Types of Resources to Consider

Scripture, Websites (see Pinterest), Books, TLCC Library, Local Community Agencies, Youth Group

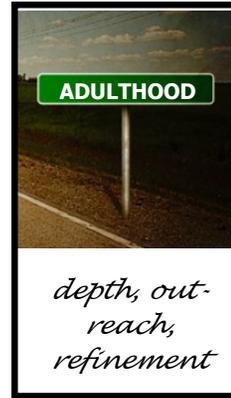
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Synergy Milestone #4 Supporting Adulthood



Relationships and responsibility: Resources to encourage networking, accountability, refinement and balance in the life and spiritual growth of an adult.

1. Bible Study

1 Thess. 5:21; 2 Cor. 13:1; Mt. 26:31-45; Jn. 21:14-17; Mt. 25:14-30; Mk. 1:35-38; Jas. 2:14-17; 1 Cor. 6:12; Eccl. 4:12; Heb. 5:11-14; Lk. 6:46-48; 1 Jn. 4:1;
_____, stewardship, _____, priorities, _____ and action provide our greatest tools as productive adults. Understanding _____, practicing _____ and embracing spiritual _____ will assure success.

2. Types of Resources to Consider

Scripture, Websites (see Pinterest), Books, TLCC Library, Local Community Agencies, CARE Group

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3. Group discussion questions

- Have you ever sensed a confirmation of a truth or conviction from "three witnesses?" How do you explain that to your kids?
- When did you first sense a call to a significant purpose? What does your child's make-up suggest as a potential call or purpose for their life?
- How do you as a parent model "withdrawing" from the fray of business as usual in order to discern God's voice?
- What is the difference between those individuals that need "milk" and those that need "solid food"? (Heb. 5:11-14)
- How have you as a parent helped your children learn to desire to do that which is right, rather than just "fear" doing what is wrong?

Milestone Celebrations

- Voting
 - Children's class assistant
 - Career/Advanced Education
 - Church camp worker/sponsor
 - Youth Group leadership team
 - D-Group leader/baptizing others
 - Marriage/Pre-Marriage
 - Family Beginnings
 - Refinement
 - Financial Peace University (FPU)



Synergy Milestone #5 Legacy



Changes and opportunities: Resources to support spiritual growth through later years, leaving a solid foundation for you family.

1. Bible Study

Eccl. 3:1-11; Gal. 6:9; Titus 2:2-4; Eccl. 12; Mk. 8:36

- The different _____ have their _____ and _____ . Learn them and make the most of them!
- God will provide fruit for those who _____ & _____ .
- Re-establishing _____ and teaching others re-
vive _____ .
- Maturity is the art of _____ that which we
want most to receive that which we _____ most.

2. Types of Resources to Consider

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3. Group discussion questions

- Read through Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 and take note of one of the "time to _____" statements. List out the times you have gone through that life challenge. How did you survive? What did you learn from that "time?"
- List the virtues required to fulfill the challenges described in Galatians 6;1-9.
- What are some of the toughest things you have had to give up as you have aged? What did you learn about God? About yourself through that process?
- Are there any of the "symptoms" of aging described in Ecclesiastes 12 that you have experienced? How has your perspective of aging changed over the past 10 years?
- Do you recall a family that seems to have successfully gone through the "empty nest" milestone?
- How can you apply the "12 stones from the Jordan river" principle in your life? Does change refine you or fry you?

Milestone Celebrations

Vows Renewal
 Debt Retirement
 Career Retirement (Spiritual Re"fire"ment)
 Spiritual Leadership
 25th & 50th Wedding Ann. (2nd Honeymoon)
 Grandparenthood
 Memorials
 Legacy
 Financial Planning

