

MILESTONE #6

Rite of Passage

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. JOHN 15:1-8

CORE COMPETENCY

Biblical roles of men and women, spiritual gifts and service, Foundations of Our Faith: faith, forgiveness, grace, the kingdom of God, worship, prayer, The Great Commission and making wise decisions

CAMPUS EVENTS

- Spring Semester (10th & 11th): "Foundations of our Faith"
- SUMMIT mission trip and other service opportunities

Becoming an adult is a welcoming and yet daunting task for most teenagers, but it is most definitely a significant milestone. The new-found freedom and relaxed structure lead to excitement as students embrace a new world. What students often don't see is the responsibility associated with their new freedom. For every good decision to be made, an equally negative one can result in life-altering consequences. Parents have an amazing responsibility to prepare their son or daughter to embrace growing up from all perspectives. At this age, most students will get their driver's license and keys to either their car or a shared vehicle. They will have an unprecedented amount of freedom. But this milestone is about so much more. It comes with the responsibility associated with becoming a man or woman of God. Before teens engage in their new found freedoms, parents must prepare their teens to see this freedom through God's heart and to prepare them to embrace the world of freedom and responsibility with a Biblical worldview and foundation.

IMPACT Parent Seminar Led by: Linda Withers, Chapelwood UMC, College & Family Ministry

Parents are taught to raise the expectations and responsibility levels for their high schoolers by helping them identify their core values affecting decision making and their ability to rule in life.

RESOURCES

5 Love Languages of Teenagers by Gary Chapman
Parent's Guide to the Spiritual Mentoring of Teens
by Joe White and Jim Weidmann

Teenology: The Art of Raising Great Teenagers by Jim Burns
Raising a Modern Day Knight by Robert Lewis

Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens by Paul David Tripp
Grace Based Parenting by Tim Kimmel

Spiritual Parenting by Michelle Anthony
Sacred Parenting by Gary Thomas
The Ripple Effect by Robert Jackman