



MACHE 2009 Annual Conference Saturday Workshops

Workshop	What About Youth Groups and Sunday Schools	
Speaker	Steve Demme	
Session	IV	Time 9:00 AM

Listen to your spirit

Our Current Situation 69–94% leave the church at age 18

1780 The beginning of Sunday School

Questions for parents to ask the church or church representative
Nurture or evangelism?

Questions for a Church leader or youth group leader

Exodus 20

1 Timothy 3

Taking the Fifth

Ephesians 6:2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.”

“My children need their friends.”

1 Timothy 5:1

Negative influence of ungodly companions

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”ESV

Proverbs 13:20b but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Samuel 13:1–5

Positive influence of godly companions

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men becomes wise,

Jonathon and David

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Does One Size Fit All?

Those who embrace the Christian faith either had parents who lived it out in front of them or they had mentors. "There are no exceptions to this," he warned.

Wayne Rice, founder and director of Understanding Your Teenager (UYT)

Outreach to unbelievers

Young Life

Age segregation in scripture?

Luke 2:41

Acts 16: 31-32

Counting the Cost

Advances or Retreats

Salt and Light

"We need to be Salt and Light"

Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth."

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world."

1 Peter 1:16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Alternatives

Before taking away a bone, offer a steak

Conclusion

Done properly, parent led, they can be very beneficial

Done improperly, unscripturally, they can be extremely harmful

Peer pressure among parents

Are you asking God to bless what you are doing? Or are you doing what God can bless?

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