

Welcome to ...



## AGENDA

Dinner and Meet 'n' Greet

Why are we Here?

Mentor Information

Curriculum Walk-Thru

Mentor Discussion and Feedback

Closing Prayer



## Why are We Here?

January 2019

During Nick's first six months in his role as Youth Director at Risen Savior, parents began talking to him about their relationships with their teens. Here's a summary:

- Parents want to connect with their teens. They sense a communication gap building where the kids are seeking greater independence but the parents are fearful of letting them enter into the dangers of this world.
- They want to know how to talk to their kids so they don't shut down, how to give kids more responsibilities to earn greater independence, and build trust. How do they "let go and let God"?
- They struggle with being there for them when their own schedules are crazy and over-committed.
- How do they best communicate their love for their child now that they are growing up?
- How do they deal with the unrealistic expectation of "parenting" in a world that expects perfection in everything?
- The kids want to know how to talk to their parents without them "freaking out". Yet they are confused by their own feelings as their hormones kick into high gear.

Mentors can help parents maneuver this wave of raising teens! These parents are starving for encouragement and genuine Christian friendship from someone who's been there. Oftentimes, their own parents are miles away or relationally distant. They need to know that this is a fantastic life stage that can be full of memories for both them and their teens.

Mentors help these parents build confidence in their parenting, experience role modeling, and begin to connect and encourage each other in the same stage of life. This breath of fresh air helps keep their "buckets filled" to live the Christian life more fully.



## Mentor Information:

- **Schedule:**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at church
    1. Sunday, January 20, 2019 “Overview”
    2. Sunday, February 17, 2019 “Parenting Isn’t for Cowards”
    3. Sunday, March 17, 2019 “The Good News”
    4. No session in April due to Easter
    5. Sunday, May 19, 2019 “Loving While Letting Go”
  
- **Typical Agenda each month:**
  - 5:00 p.m.  
Welcome and prayer, food, unstructured chit-chat
  - 5:30 p.m.  
Discussion of topic
  - 6:30 p.m.  
Activity with the kids
  - 7:00 p.m.  
Close with Prayer
  
- **Mentor Leadership**
  - Rich and Anne Auerbach
  - Phil and Holly Cameron
  - Ed and Sylvia Doolos
  - Bill and Robin Duclos
  - Dave and Ann Ipsen