

BECOMING THE B-TEAM: HOW TO EQUIP PARENTS TO BE THE PRIMARY FAITH TRAINER

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Parents are uniquely designed to be the primary faith trainer for their children. By creating a culture of “drop-off discipleship,” many of us have done a disservice to our kids and families. How does a pastor move from the discipleship A-Team to the B-Team, while still leading, connecting, and appropriately ministering? In this breakout session, we answer the question of how to partner, equip, and support the parent as the primary faith trainer.

Do the Math: 168 hours in a week

- 56 hours a week of sleeping
- 112 hours a week awake
 - **2 hours a week at church = 1.78%**
 - 40 hours a week at school
 - 72 hours you have with them = 64.28%
- The Church is a place to partner with parents but the biggest impact on the faith development in kids happens at home.

Partnering with parents is a strategy, NOT a program. It must filter every ministry area and program already in place.

Strategy vs Program

Strategy	Programs
Long Term	Short Lived
Filters Everything We Do	Skims the Surface
Becomes Part of the Schedule	Adds Something to Your Schedule
Every Day	One Hour a Week
Involves All Ministries	Depend on Individual Ministries
Keeps the Target Out Front	Only Sees What's in Front of You Now
Evolves	Dies

5 questions you need to ask to become the B-Team:

- 1. Staff** Who needs to be in the next meeting? When is the last time your staff talked collectively about partnering with parents and how to equip them? Do the programs you have in place connect to the home?
- 2. Language** Do you have common language? What common language is already there? What needs work?
- 3. Parents** How can you get in front of parents? Ask the magic question: “What do you want the church to do for your kid?” If you are willing to ask this question, be ready for any answer.
- 4. What is already happening?** Leverage what is already happening and let it become the narrative. Sharing stories is key to keeping momentum.
- 5. Hopes and dreams for parents winning at home** If you woke up tomorrow and parents were owning their role as primary faith trainer, what would that look like? Take steps in that direction.