

HOW CAN WE HAVE A GREATER MINISTRY TO PARENTS?

- 1. As a youth worker, attend each parent-teen meeting.**
These meetings are held once a month on a Sunday night after the service. This is an important time to interact and communicate with the parents.
- 2. Occasionally take some time to send a personal letter.**
There is no way one of us can contact the parents of our teenagers the way they need to be contacted. For this reason, everyone must, again, bind together as a team and work at writing letters and making phone calls to show our support and convey encouragement.
- 3. We must make it a point to invite the parents to participate in any and all of our activities or programs.**
Does this mean that every parent will come to every meeting? Probably not. But it communicates an openness and accountability to the parents.
- 4. At church, be aware of teen parents around you.**
Please take time to shake hands, greet them and let them know that we're on their side.
- 5. Occasionally invite a teenager's family over to dinner, etc.**
Be sensitive. Sometimes the Holy Spirit may lay a family on your heart. Reach out, do something special for them. This may be all it takes.

CONCLUSION:

An effective ministry to the parents will result in an effective ministry with the teens. As we unite ourselves in a solid, spiritual direction with the parents, there is a much better chance of reaching the teenager. Let's work and strive to maintain a heart for parents. Let's love, encourage and support them in any way possible. After all, we are here to help their families.
