

PASTOR'S NICKEL

Pastor's Nickel - Ministering to Emerging Adults

Part 2: Support Their Parents



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This week is part two of our series on ministering to emerging adults. Last week we discussed the importance of welcoming and talking to emerging adults when we see them in church. This week we will focus on something that we can do when we don't see them in church: talk to their parents!

It can be easy to think "Oh we don't really have emerging adults in our church." But we have new emerging adults every year that students graduate from the youth group. Many of these students will make the first of many moves as emerging adults by going to college or university. How can we minister to them when they are gone?

Talk to their parents! The parents of emerging adults are impacted by the uncertainty and constant changes in the lives of their emerging adult kids. I can remember one night when my dad was picking me up from Redeemer University he shared that he didn't understand the changes I was making; going to school for four years, signing up for another four, it just didn't make sense. He graduated high school and that was enough school for him. How come my career path (and my brothers) looked nothing like his?

The constant changes of emerging adults are felt by their parents. Talk to the parents! Ask how their emerging adult kids are doing and ask how they are impacted by the changes of their emerging adult kids. How is their life changing as a result of their kids' lives changing?

That's my Nickel, Pastor David