

# STOP THE STALEMATE



Three components of resilient child discipleship: 1. Belong : Highly relational ministry  
2. Believe : Deeply scriptural ministry  
3. Become : Truly experiential ministry

95 % of CMLs say the home should be the primary environment for discipleship; whereas,  
51 % of Parents say the church should be the primary environment for discipleship.

Why some children leave their faith by the time they are adults:

Parents didn't model discipleship  
They never took responsibility of their faith  
Parents weren't engaged enough in church

Never felt a sense of belonging  
Parents weren't engaged enough in church  
They had a bad or hurtful experience

Across the board, about 75 % in each group believes current events, mental health, social issues, and other difficult subjects should be open for discussion in church programs for kids.

Questions to consider:

What does the Bible say?  
Will parents be okay with me mentioning it?  
What is the right age/context to tackle?

Handled as a whole class, small group, or individually?  
What happens if I say nothing at all?

How do we break the Stalemate? Key Thoughts:

- Educate : Focused Partnership between the church and households in discipleship.  
We are to: declare His mighty acts (Ps. 145:4)  
speak of His commandments (Ps. 78:5-8)  
talk about His words at home, when you walk, lie down, and rise (Dt. 6:4-9)  
Formal Discipleship: Has a plan, curriculum, spaces dedicated to children  
Informal Discipleship: Incorporate everyday teachable moments
- Encourage : Meaningful intergenerational relationships with other Christians.  
Provide families the opportunity to serve.
- Equip : Listen to the concerns of parents and provide Bible - based resources to help them in their journey with children.  
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Breaking the stalemate begins with you!