

PARENTS PODCAST



Main Ideas

Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future.

We have to model what it looks like to be in community and create an environment that is safe and inviting.

Learn to help your kids protect their inner circle; the inner circle is about intimacy, our other relationships are about influence.

When they know who they are, our kids will know what to do in relationships.

Keep the conversation about faith, identity, and relationships going, even when your kids act like they aren't listening.



Discussion Questions

If you are not in a LifeGroup, get in a LifeGroup! It's not as hard as it seems.

Trying to talk with your teenager about relationships and influence? Check out the Axis Parent Guide on Teen Identity.

Where are our friendships leading us? Find out more by watching Pastor Craig's message series, *Friending*.



The Three "C's"

Consistency

Be intentional about creating shared experiences with your kids. Whether that's making family dinner a protected and special time, or bringing them to your Life Group every single week, or always having the "good snacks" on hand for your kids and their friends, consistency builds trust and relational equity.

Conversation

Conversations shape decisions. So keep the conversation going, even when it feels like they aren't listening, because they are! And the more consistent you are, the more equity you will have to speak into the challenging moments of your kids' lives.

Community

Model it. Surround yourself with people who build each other up and point each other to Jesus. Seeing and experiencing this teaches your kids how friends are supposed to treat friends. It's not a big, formal lesson, it's how we were created to do life.



Next Steps & Resources

How can you be more consistent when it comes to fostering your own community?

What would it look like to intentionally create an environment your kids want to be in?

Share about a time you had a conversation with your kid or student, thinking they weren't listening, only to find out later that they actually were!