

# Message – Passing the Torch

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**Main Point:** I want everyone in the audience to know and understand:

- The structure and Biblical philosophy of the Family and Youth Ministry
  - How it lives out in our lives and the overall mission of the church
- I. Introduction:
- Danger: 4 % of Next Generation Bible Believing Christians  
80% of High School students who leave the church never come back
  - Last week - Pastor Ron – presented our Mission for 2012 -

## II. The Family and Youth Ministry Structure (power point)

### a. Mission Statement of the church (Slide 2)

- Must own this mission we will impact and change the youth culture around us!
- How the Family and Youth Ministry will live this out.

I want to give you the structure and the meat of the Family and Youth Ministry here at Antrim that will counter the 4% generation.

### b. Step 1 - Connect, Step 2 - Cultivate, and Step 3 – Commission (Slide 3)

(fit within the Mission Statement) - Briefly

**Overall goal: Strengthening the family**

### c. Four components to the Family and Youth Ministry Model (Slide 4)

- **Student Ministries** – *Connecting:* Christ, Parents, and other students (Slide 5&6)  
*Cultivating:* Their Relationship with God, Their parents, and other students  
*Commission:* To be Men and Women of God – and know their ministry to God!
- **Parent Ministries** – *Connecting:* to Christ, Teens, and other parents (Slide 7&8)  
*Cultivating:* Their relationship with God, their children In faith, and other parents.  
*Commission:* In their service to God, and passing on their legacy of Faith to the next generation.
- **Mentor Ministries** – Mentoring to both Parents and Students (Slide 9)

- **Coaching/Youth Staff** –Carry out the vision of the family & youth min. (Slide 10)

**Putting it all together – (Slide 11)**

**(Slide 12) Transition: Now that you have the structure – now I want to give you the meat of the Family and Youth Ministry – How we are going to raise students and families to live in a 4% world! - 5 Battle Stones!**

### **III. Zacchaeus – 5 Biblical Principles**

#### **A. I Need Change (connect – I need God) (Slide 13)**

##### **1. Zacchaeus – Seeking Christ to Fill Hole**

- Had all the world had to offer – wealth, and status
- Hole that could not be filled – until Jesus

##### **2. Family and Youth Ministry - Seeking God daily**

- We want to train our Parents and students to seek God
- A Daily walk with God

##### **3. Personal – Our hunger for God**

- Can't be filled by the world
- Can't be filled by jumping to different church and ministry events/activities
- Only when we seek God with all our hearts – We seek when we NEED!

***Verse Jeremiah 29:13***

#### **B. Inspired To Grow In God (Connect and Cultivate – I want to know God) (slide 14)**

##### **1. Zacchaeus – Did whatever it took**

- Faced angry crowd – people he cheated
- Climbed a tree – CEO- Donald trump

##### **2. Family and Youth Ministry – Do whatever it takes**

- The whole Family – Parents and grandparents
- The whole Church – mentors and friends

##### **3. Personal – Develop a hungry heart**

- Daily life style – King David – from boyhood heart for God

**Matt 13:44**

**C. Accountability (Cultivate – I submit to God) (Slide 15)**

**1. Zacchaeus – Welcomed Jesus into his house**

- Jesus knows us
- Welcomed Christ in his house – laid it all for Jesus to see

**2. Family and Youth Ministry – Lay bare our lives**

- Parents and students – allow Christ to get rid of your junk
- Allow God to use mature believers to keep you accountable

**3. Personal – Has Jesus seen your house?**

- Exposed and uncovered – we don't like it

**Galatians 5:24**

**D. Transformation (Cultivate and Commission – I want to bear fruit) (slide 16)**

**A Call for action**

**1. Zacchaeus – Fruit of obedience**

- Got rid of the junk – No matter the cost
- Fruit – Christ – the hole is filled!

**2. Family and Youth Ministry – Giving it all**

- Raise our families to know how to listen and
- Understand how to apply it

**3. Personal – God's reward for our surrender**

- Girl with the Pearls
- Every time we give something up for God – He blesses us with something greater!

**Luke 8:15**

**E. Living For God's Glory (Commission – I want to Serve God) (Slide 17)**

**1. Zacchaeus – Child of God**

- New Father – want to please Him
- Want to Bring Glory – make Him proud

**2. Family and Youth Ministry – Standing Firm**

- Able to stand
- United in Body – Family and Church

**3. Personal – Make our Father Proud**

- Fulfilling our purpose –

- Gifting and talents  
**John 14:13**

#### **IV. Challenge**

- A. Review Five Battle Stones Backwards
- B. Call of Action:
  - Continue in your fast – or start
  - Seek out the Lord in what way He wants you to get involved!
  - If you have any questions – or want to know in what way you can get involved – I would love to sit down with you.

Let Us Pray