



NT Group Sermon Study

It's Just A Phase – Middle School: Affirm

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This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your NT Group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.

SERIES RECAP

In this series, we are going to look at the different phases of life a child goes through and what they need most during those phases to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

SERMON SUMMARY

The goal of parenting is to get your kids to heaven. However, it is getting increasingly more difficult for our children to be raised with moral standards in our society. The middle school years come and they are bombarded by voices from the media, friends, celebrities, etc. One of those loud voices of culture says, "There is no truth. What is right for you may not be right for someone else." But our voices must be heard at home and the next generation must hear the voice of followers of God in the church.

MAIN TEXT

Joshua 24:1-28; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Titus 2:7-8; Eph. 6:4

GETTING STARTED

Who were some voices (other than your parents) that influenced you for the good or bad when you were in your early teenage years?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What are some of the values and morals you were taught in your house growing up?
2. What are some things you did specifically when raising your kids to teach values?
3. How do your beliefs determine your behavior?
4. What does moral relativism mean?
5. How have you seen moral relativism in people you know?
6. Read Joshua 24:14-15
7. What do these verses mean for us?
8. How do you pour the word of God into your family?

9. Read Titus 2:7-8

10. Why is our example so important in developing our children's character?

11. What are some things you can do clearly communicate your godly convictions to your family this week?

NEXT STEPS

Focus on how you can affirm a young teen this week and help him or her hear the voice of God. What will you do this week to make this happen?