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## THREE SIMPLE WORDS

Last spring I shared the guiding expectations for students. As we get ready to begin another new year of Student Discipleship, I want to keep these expectations ever before our minds. We expect every student and leader to show respect, act mature, and engage in the program or event they are attending.

### RESPECTFULNESS.

Hebrews 13:7 says, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls." Respecting Student Discipleship leaders means not talking while they are talking, obedience the first time they ask you to do something, and speaking to them in a respectful manner.

**RESPECTFULNESS.** Matthew 7:12 says, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." Students are expected to treat others the way they wish to be treated themselves. This involves being friendly, considering the



person and their feelings, not speaking while they are speaking, and treating them with courtesy.

**MATURITY.** Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Students are expected to exercise maturity by focusing and being serious during programs and events. Students are also

expected to have fun and let loose during times appropriate for such activities.

**ENGAGEMENT.** Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." We want all students to engage in Student Discipleship programs and events. While students are attending a program or event, we expect them to engage with what is going on, whether it is a Bible study, game time, service project, or fun event.



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## TABLE TALK 2.0: FAMILY RESOURCES

Many years ago, Student Discipleship produced two resources for families: Family Bible Studies and Table Talk. The Family Bible Studies coincided with our Sunday Morning Bible Studies. Table Talk coincided with our Wednesday night program, at the time called Journey and now called Midweek. These resources were designed to help connect discipleship in the home and discipleship in the church. While these resources were helpful, the distribution of these resources became problematic. And so, over time these resources were eventually phased out. However, Student Discipleship will resurrect these resources in a new way this fall.

Table Talk 2.0 will encompass both of these resources and will be printed each month in the Student Discipleship newsletter. Each month's edition will feature two sections: Bible Study Table Talk and Midweek Table Talk. Each section will outline the topic and Scripture passage as well as provide three questions designed to foster discussion between parents and children.

The three questions will relate to the three centers of comprehension: head, heart, and hands.

**Head.** The first question will focus on knowledge. What do they know? What did they learn?



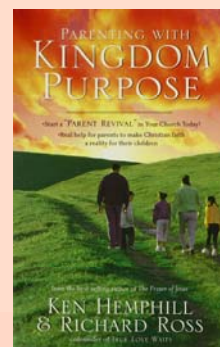
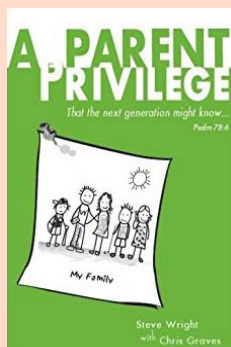
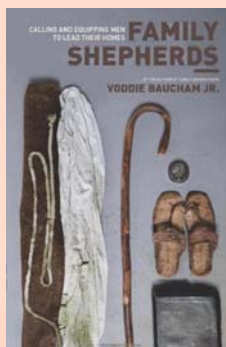
**Heart.** The second question will focus on affection. This is not ooey-goey emotionalism, but rather focuses on the attitude. What is their attitude toward the topic? How has their attitude changed because of the knowledge they have gained?



**Hands.** The third question will focus on behavior. What do they need to do? What behavior need to change in their lives because of a new knowledge and a new attitude.



## RECOMMENDED READING





All students, parents, and leaders are invited to the 4th Annual Student Discipleship Celebration Dinner on Sunday, August 13 from 12:00-2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Celebration Dinner is a time to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do in Student Discipleship at Fellowship Baptist Church. This is more than just a dinner, it is a time for all those involved in Student Discipleship to gather to celebrate and learn what God is doing in Student Discipleship and where He is leading us in the future. The Student Discipleship Celebration will focus on three elements:

**Celebrate Those Transitioning.** This is a time to say good-bye to those students who have graduated and are moving into the next phase of their life. At the same time, it is a time to welcome the new 7th graders and their families into Student Discipleship.

**Recognize God's Work in Student Discipleship.** This is a time to stop and reflect on what God has done in the lives of the students and leaders.

**Learn More About Student Discipleship.** This is a time to review some essential elements of Student Discipleship, learn about some significant changes, and prepare for the next year.



## ★ Back2School★ -BASH-

Join Us for the Back-2-School Bash on **Saturday, August 26** from **5:00-9:00 pm**. The cost is **\$5** and includes pizza, bowling @ Grace Lanes in Carthage, as well as fun & games at Fellowship Baptist Church. Sign up on the Student page at [www.fellowshipjoplin.org](http://www.fellowshipjoplin.org).

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Decathlon. **The Decathlon** is ten events packed into one weekend. Events may include: scavenger hunts, roller skating, go carts, mini-golf, corn maze, 9 Square-in-the-Air, and so much more. This year's Decathlon will be **September 29-30**. The cost will be **\$30**. Students will receive a \$5 discount for signing up, paying, and turning in all forms by Sunday, September 24. Student can also receive an additional \$10 off for bringing a friend (the friend pays what the student pays).

Aug 2 Family Fun Night  
 Aug 9 No Midweek  
 Aug 16 Midweek Games  
 Aug 23 Midweek Movie  
 Aug 30 Midweek Missions



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# CALENDAR

- AUG | 02** **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
ROUTE 66 BOWL // 6:00-8:00 PM
- AUG | 09** **NO MIDWEEK**  
AUGUST BREAK
- AUG | 13** **CELEBRATION DINNER**  
SUNDAY // 12:00-2:00 PM
- AUG | 16** **MIDWEEK GAME NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY // 6:00-8:00 PM
- AUG | 23** **MIDWEEK MOVIE**  
WEDNESDAY // 6:00-8:00 PM
- AUG | 26** **BACK-2-SCHOOL BASH**  
SATURDAY // 5:00-9:00 PM // \$5
- AUG | 30** **MIDWEEK MISSIONS**  
WEDNESDAY // 6:00-8:00 PM