

THE *Big 3*

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TITLE: Why You Want to be a Mentor to a Child

We all have so much to give to the youth coming up behind us. God has uniquely gifted you and now empowers you. Share the blessings!

Here are 3 things to believe and consider when thinking about mentoring youth in your life...

1. **Kids and youth today are open to you engaging them** in the journey of discovery they are on. As their world moves from concrete and simple to more abstract and nuanced, they are looking for guides, sounding boards, and encouragement. You don't have to be a parent or an expert to do this.
2. **Pour words of affirmation about identity into the youth in your life.** Reinforce that they are image bearers of God and have been given a very high calling, authority, and privilege through Christ. Point out the aspects of their character and actions that remind you of Jesus or the way that God is. Calling is more about identity.
3. **Pay attention to the young people in your church or the kids in your small group or missional community.** Those are your little brothers and sisters! Ask them questions, and get to know them. Ask them to join you when you are serving or sharing your gifts at church and especially elsewhere out in normal life. You'll be amazed at the questions you'll get asked and the impact you can have.

A few questions that can be good starters...

- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?
- What is your dream job?
- What was your most embarrassing moment?

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

- [How to Pray for Your Child's Future Spouse](#)
- [Life in a True Gospel-Centered Community: Kirstan's Story](#)

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