



Cathedral Church of the Advent

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Philosophy of Ministry
Podcast Micro-Class

Episode One: What is gospel centered ministry?

What?

- (1) What is the Advent's focus in children, youth, and family ministry?
- (2) What is a disciple?
- (3) What are the four verbs that Jesus uses in the great commission?
- (4) What do we need the foundation of our ministry to be?
- (5) How does this relate to our mission?

So What?

- (1) Why is biblical teaching important vs. self-help instruction?
- (2) Why is relational ministry important?
- (3) Why does it benefit youth to experience fellowship with different generations?

Now What?

- (1) What does it look like to have a sustainable relationship with Jesus?
- (2) How can I grow in relational ministry?
- (3) How can we partner with the church in laying down a biblical foundation?

Episode Two: Gospel Centrality

What?

- (1) What is the overarching message of Christianity?
- (2) What do most kids falsely believe the gospel is according to the research presented?
- (3) How should we offer the gospel when our kids “mess up”?

So What?

- (1) How do we keep the gospel in front of our kids early and often?
- (2) What are ways that we can help kids clearly understand and articulate the gospel?
- (3) What is the importance of the church ministry centering each message around the gospel?

Now What?

- (1) How does the gospel restore us?
- (2) How does the gospel shape our relationship to Christ? How does the gospel shape our relationship with others?

Episode Three: Theological Depth through Biblical Teaching

What?

- (1) What is our mission?
- (2) What is Moralistic Therapeutic Deism?
- (3) What do kids believe about God, according to the National Study on Youth and Religion?
- (4) What does it mean to be biblically literate?

So What?

- (1) How does our understanding of God affect how we live our daily lives?
- (2) What are some practical ways we can help our kids become biblically literate?
- (3) What are some ways to incorporate Bible teaching in the home?

Now What?

- (1) Why is it important to teach through the Bible?
- (2) How is a deep theological understanding beneficial to children as they grow older?
- (3) How do we gain a deeper understanding of the character of God through biblical texts?

Episode Four: Relational Discipleship

What?

- (1) What is our focus?
- (2) What is the Great Commission?
- (3) Who has taken the first step in our relationship with God?

So What?

- (1) Why do we pursue relationships?
- (2) Why is the work of the Holy Spirit necessary?
- (3) How do we pursue meaningful relationships with our kids?

Now What?

- (1) What does the Great Commission tell us about relational ministry?
- (2) How does Jesus show us what relational ministry looks like?
- (3) How do we incorporate discipleship into our daily lives and activities?

Episode Five: Partnership with Parents

What?

- (1) What did the church fail to do for and communicate to parents in the previous generation?
- (2) Who has the greatest influence on kids?
- (3) What does the Bible say about the role of the family in spiritual formation?

So What?

- (1) How do parents spiritually influence their children?
- (2) How do we surrender our family to God?

Now What?

- (1) Whose job is it to save our kids? How do we personally fall into the trap of trying to take that role on for Jesus?
- (2) How can you as a parent partner with the church?

Episode Six: Intergenerational Integration

What?

- (1) Did the church effectively retain kids in the previous generation?
- (2) What does the church look like in the Bible generationally?
- (3) What are important experiences for preparing kids to be a church member in the future?

So What?

- (1) How do we foster relationships between different generations in the church?
- (2) What is one of the ways we promote intergenerational ministry at the Advent? Why is this significant?
- (3) What do youth gain from relationships with members in the church?

Now What?

- (1) What are some practical ways to help the church have some long-lasting relationships with young people?
- (2) What are ways that you can see your child / children being involved in the church?