



TIPS FOR INCORPORATING HIGH SCHOOLERS IN OUR WORSHIP GATHERINGS

During this season while we are suspending our large group worship services, my hope is that as we worship in alternate ways that you would incorporate your high school aged kids in what you are doing. I see this as a great opportunity for intergenerational worship and connection. If you are gathering with your home group on Sunday have your teenagers join you and be thoughtful in how to include them in your worship.

A Few Tips for How to Do This:

Take some time to think specifically about what teenagers may be joining you and how their unique personalities, gifts, and maturity might influence their engagement with your time of worship. Find specific ways for them to participate. Even things you might think are little could help them feel included and engaged.

- Reading scripture
- Praying
- Participating in leading worship
- Where there are discussion questions, have them read those.
- Remember they might be shy or intimidated to participate, that is okay. Even if they feel like passive observers of your time of worship, you are still teaching and leading them by example.
- Be intentional, but don't force it. Some of them might jump right in and others might roll their eyes and go for their phone. Be warm, invite them to participate, and avoid showing disappointment or discouragement if they don't give you the outward participation you were hoping for.
- Show interest in them and their opinions. They might be surprised you want to know what they think, and you might be surprised at how insightful and intelligent their answers may be.

Each week, where applicable, we will provide additional resources we believe will be useful in engaging our high schoolers in your Sunday worship gatherings.

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about your specific gathering I would be happy to connect with you!

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