

SWITCH

RIVERTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH/AUGUST 31/VOLUME 1

Parent Connection

SWITCH is a Student Ministry NOT a youth group. Which means, everything we do we do with the Small Group in mind. Our ultimate goal in SWITCH is for students to be talking about their faith with a trusted adult and their friends. We have 3 core Values that make up the foundation of SWITCH: ATTEND, BELONG and SERVE.

We want the student to **ATTEND** a relevant environment, **BELONG** to an authentic small group and **SERVE** an awesome God. We want the student to develop mentally, spiritually, and emotionally, into a fully functioning part of the body of Christ. This is done through creating an environment that is culturally relevant, that partners with the parent in discussing many of the issues teenagers face, and gives Biblical insight on those issues. The primary tool we use to partner with the parent is *The Seven Checkpoints*, by Andy Stanley and Stewart Hall. These seven checkpoints make up the foundational principles that were developed to be the irreducible minimum every teenager needs to know.



BELIEF - What is faith?

What we believe affects what we do and where we end up in life. **What do you believe about God?** For the next three weeks, we are going to ask the big question: Can God be trusted?

In reality we all believe something about God. Some believe God doesn't exist, that's a belief. Some believe God does exist, that is also a belief, but it goes much deeper than that.

What you believe about God, will affect the decisions you make. In your students life right now, his/her belief determines who their

friends are, what they put into their mind, and the words coming out of their mouth. Their belief influences their behavior and sets their boundaries in life – what should I do or what shouldn't I do, where should I go, where shouldn't I go?

This week SWITCH Leaders will focus on Genesis 12:1-3 to demonstrate what faith is all about. Read this passage and challenge your student to share what faith means to them. Use the Questions below as a guide.



NEXT WEEK: Losing the Faith

There is a difference between what God promises and our expectations. Prov 3:5-6

What's Going On?

- Facebook: SWITCH.RCC
- Website: www.rivertown.cc/switch
- Blountstown Football -
August 25 - 7pm Home vs. Wewa
- Marianna Football -
August 26 - 7pm Home vs. West Florida High

Questions:

- CAN YOU REALLY BELIEVE IN SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SEE?
- WHAT IS FAITH? (Hebrews 11:1)
- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD? (JOHN 4:12)