



parent **cue**

THINK ABOUT THIS



A crucial link exists between your ability to parent and your personal growth. This parenting value—making it personal—is going to challenge you as a parent in a way the other values don't. This one will *benefit* your kids, for sure. But it's not directly about them, it's about *you*. In a very real way, making it personal will help every other step you take as a parent.

When it comes to character and faith, your kids are *watching* you in a way they might not watch you in other pursuits. Because it's so personal, you can't *do* faith and character *for* your kids. There's another factor at work. If it's not in you, they know it. When it

comes to spiritual and character formation, your journey impacts them deeply. If you want it to be in them, it needs to be in you.

As you read this, your anxiety level is probably rising. You feel like you can't possibly measure up. If you were to level with your kids about your fears, your inconsistencies, or even how shaky your faith is on some days, you'd feel like you were admitting defeat.

But that's a perfect picture mindset. God is interested in writing a bigger story, and your personal growth is part of the plotline. In fact, your developing story may be more influential than you think. That's why parents need to let their kids see them struggle to grow. They need to see your authenticity and hear your transparency. Most of all, they need to observe up close that your spiritual, moral, and relational growth is a priority in your life. This is not about a perfect model, just an honest one. Whatever you want your children to become, you should honestly strive to become as well.

Your kids already have a front-row seat to your life. The question is, what are they watching? Is it just show? Or is it a real-life adventure where they see courage and passion to overcome personal obstacles? What if your personal growth was a front-row seat to the bigger story God wants to write in your family?

Read More: [The Parent Cue](#)

NEWS

Parent CUE Class Beginning!!

Beginning last Sunday, January 7th in the Collide Room, we are partnering with parents like we never have before! We are partnering parents with other parents like we never have before. This is a 3 session course for ALL High School Parents. Mark your calendar for the next two sessions: Feb. 18th, April 15th at 9:15a. You will get 4 Key conversations to have with your student, 6 things every kids need, and support from parents who are living in the same phase of parenting as you. Sign up on Sunday in the Lobby and pick up a book for \$15.

An Important Message to Parents about Sunday Mornings...

Over the next few months we have classes for parents and other adults through the Parent Cue track and one other class. I am encouraging students to go to the "adult"

class through the end of January. Here are a few reasons for this: One, learn from other adults.

Two, be in community with others they have never met before.

Three, get perspective and influence from adults who have learned or experienced more than they have.

Voter's Meeting- Sunday, Jan. 21st

Next Sunday, Jan. 21st is our Annual Voter's Meeting at 9:15a. We will have Sr. High & Jr. High student leader both the Preschool and Elementary age kids. Sign up to help lead a class in the Collide or Lyfe Room.

Haiti Mission: 2018

As you may know, the Summer of 2018 is the Collide Mission trip to Haiti.

REGISTRATION DUE JAN. 28! I have been working on final cost for this trip and FINALLY have all the details together! If your child is planning to attend, can you please send me a quick email just to let me know your plans of interest? If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call or email.

You can find the FAQ & Registration Information [HERE](#).

Trivia Night: IMPORTANT!

This year we want to make this the BIGGEST and BEST Trivia Night yet! But, it will only happen when we all rally around this and make it happen. This will be our stand-alone fundraising event for LVR & Haiti Mission 2018. So what do we need? *After Holiday season - pick up silent auction items for cheap! Buy gift cards while they are on sale! Find the extra deal! Your child receives 100% of the proceeds of each item in the auction.*

Date of Trivia Night: Sunday, February 11th! It's early this year because we think people will want to get out of the house during the dead of winter!

Wine Toss: Pick up an extra bottle or two of wine and donate it to the Trivia Night - we will have "Wine Ring-Toss" where participants pay-to-play!

Collide in January & February 2018:

January 2018

14 - Collide Night @ 6pm - Small Group Night (15th No School)

21 - Serving in Elementary Kidz Lyfe 9:15a

21 - Collide Night @ 6pm - Small Group Night

28 - Collide Night @ 6pm

February 2018

4 - No Collide Event (Super Bowl Sunday)

11 - **Trivia Night Fundraiser**

18 - Collide Night @ 6pm

25 - Collide Night @ 6pm

Snack Providers:

Jan 14 - Gillette's

Jan 21 - McLaughlin

Jan 28 - Pillers

Feb 18 - OPEN!

