

Recommended Reading...

Energizing Children's Ministry in the Smaller Church

By Rick Chromey

CAN IT BE???

Matthew 13:31, 32 (NIV)

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

- Children ARE _____
 - *"In the end, I know one thing is certain: growing, dynamic churches are rooted in a powerful philosophy that recognizes kids matter to God."*

-Rick Chromey

- ____% find faith before 6th grade
- _____ is in the eye of the beholder
 - ____% under 200 members
 - Ratios: 10,000/1,000,000 (____%) or 200/5000 (____%)
- Be _____!!!

SMALL BEGINNINGS

James 3:3-5 (NIV)

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

- _____ for the enthusiasm of a child
- A _____ realm of influence
- My church _____
- _____ in church
- _____ comes easy

CULTURE SHIFT/SHOCK

Matthew 9:16-17 (The Message)

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He went on, "No one cuts up a fine silk scarf to patch old work clothes; you want fabrics that match. And you don't put your wine in cracked bottles."

- ¿Habla " _____" ?
 - Christianese to _____
 - Traditionese to _____
 - Semonese to _____
 - Are we there yet? to _____
- For children... _____

POSITIONS PLEASE!

Nehemiah 2:11, 12, 15 & 17 (NIV)

I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days I set out during the night with a few men....so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall....Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."

- I-Steering – _____
- Luke 14:28 says we MUST evaluate and assess
 - Assessment will take _____
 - Assessment will take _____
 - Be ready for _____
- Keys to good assessments
 - Simplicity
 - Inclusiveness
 - Regularity
 - Sensitivity
 - Broadcasting results
 - Privacy
 - External Evaluation
 - Samples
 - Participation
- GPPPS It -Rick Chromey
 - G – _____
 - *Short Observation*
 - P – _____
 - *Consider the gathered information*

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- P- _____
 - *Focus your new direction*
- P- _____
 - *How do you go the new direction*
- S- _____
 - *Is the new direction working*

OBSTACLE vs. OPPOTUNITY

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

- Obstacle
 - Who will _____?
 - How much will it _____?
 - Why won't they _____?
 - Where do we _____ them?
 - I _____ what they have!
- Opportunity
 - The _____
 - _____
 - Family _____
 - See your _____

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Hebrews 5:13 & 14 (NIV)

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

- Spiritual Formation
- *A Balanced Buffet* –by Rick Chromey
 - *Sweets and Treats*
 - _____

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- *Appetizers*
 - _____
- *Soups and Breads*
 - _____
- *Vegetables*
 - _____
- *"Meats"*
 - _____
- Tailor your _____ and _____

I'M HOOKED!!!

Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

- Volunteer bait – G-R-O-W-L-S – by Rick Chromey
 - G _____
 - *"It's OK if I mess up"*
 - R _____
 - *"I don't have to do this by myself"*
 - O _____
 - *"I have something to add to this ministry"*
 - W _____
 - *"You really think I did a good job"*
 - L _____
 - *"This is fun"*
 - S _____/S _____
 - *Physical – "My kids nor I will suffer injury"*
 - *Emotional – "This is a positive place to be"*
 - *Mental – "I won't be embarrassed here"*
 - *Spiritual – "I can get closer to God here"*

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Philippians 4:12 & 13 (NIV)

I know what it is to be in need and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

- Evaluate _____
- Assess _____
- Allow _____
- Be _____

IT IS NOT BABYSITTING

Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

- *The purpose of Kids Church – by Rick Chromey*
 - *W_____ – Kids matter to God*
 - *O_____ – Kids can lead*
 - *R_____ – Kids matter to each other*
 - *S_____ – Kids need God*
 - *H_____ – Kids need to learn traditions*
 - *I_____ – Kids need to be biblically literate*
 - *P_____ – Kids need to learn to talk to God*

GET REAL

John 15:1-3 (The Message)

"I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken."

- R_____
- E_____
- A_____
- L_____