

FATHERS

MOVEMENT 1: WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Fatherlessness is affecting our families, culture, and churches

Paul doesn't want more teachers, but more fathers (1 Cor. 4:14-16)

We live in the most fatherless generation since _____

MOVEMENT 2: "WHY IT'S AN ISSUE

The consequences are _____ (Mal. 4:5-6)

1. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TAKE FATHERS OUT OF A HOME?

- _____% of all inmates
- 63% of all youth suicides
- 90% of all runaways
- 80% of all rapes
- _____% of all high school dropouts

2. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TAKE FATHERS OUT OF A CULTURE?

- Direct correlation between absent fathers and rate of _____
- Increased poverty levels
- More homelessness
- Marriage is undervalued
- No role models, the role becomes ambiguous
- _____ becomes a preference

3. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TAKE FATHERS OUT OF THE CHURCH?

- God becomes _____
- Ministry becomes a business not a family
- We don't seek the lost
- Proverbs 1:8
 - Teaching without _____
 - Worship without repentance
 - Mission without neighboring

MOVEMENT 3: "IS JESUS THE ANSWER?"

1. GOD IS A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

- Psalm 68:5
- The world wants to get rid of gender all together
- Making us male and female was _____ idea and He's not changing that

2. JESUS CAME TO REVEAL THE _____ TO US!

- He says over and over again, “I only do what I’ve seen the Father do”
- John 15 He says “it’s better I go so you can connect with Him yourself!”

3. THIS IS WHAT DISCIPLESHIP IS:

- Be with Him
- Become _____ Him
- Do what He calls you to do

MOVEMENT 4: “WHAT DO WE DO?”

1. BE PRESENT

- Not just _____
- When your kids play the memories in their mind, will you have been a present co-star or just an extra?

2. BE WORTH IMITATING

- Paul says “imitate me, because I’m imitating _____!”
- “Children learn more from what we are than from what we teach”

3. HELP THEM DISCOVER THEIR _____

- King David was told that he wouldn’t build the temple; his son would
- What if you’re not called to build it but your kid is?
- Have you prepared them?

MOVEMENT 5: “WRAP UP”

Paul is talking about _____.

1. WHO ARE YOU CALLED TO?

- Sin isn’t God’s fault, and yet He takes responsibility
- How can you take responsibility for this next generation?

2. OUR CHURCH DOESN’T NEED MORE LEADERS, PREACHERS, MISSIONARIES, SCHOLARS, OR APOLOGISTS – WE NEED MORE FATHERS

- Who can you be present with?
- Are you living a life worth imitating?
- How can you help a young person discover their calling?