



Family Interview Form

The family interview process is designed to help pastors and youth leaders: 1) To understand and appreciate the life and faith journeys of their families, 2) to explain the congregation's philosophy on faith formation, and 3) to encourage commitment from household to practice their faith regularly.

1. Ask a few questions about the family

1. Tell me about your family (Members? Grow up here? How long you've lived here?)
2. What are some things that you do together as a family?
3. What are some things you consider important to your family?
4. What are some of the challenges you currently face as a family?

2. Ask questions related to the student's and the parents' spiritual growth?

1. How long have you been a member at this congregation?
2. What are your hopes regarding _____ involvement in our youth ministry program?
3. In what ways would you like to see _____ grow in his/her faith between now and the time he/she graduates from high school?
4. Are there specific things you hope ____ learns or experiences as a result of being involved in this congregation's youth ministry program?
5. As parents, what are your plans for continuing to grow as a Christian disciple in the next 4-6 years?
6. What role do grandparents, sponsors, friends and relatives play in helping you grow as a Christian?
7. How do you currently practice faith at home throughout the week (prayers, devotions, service, etc.)?
8. What do you need from this me/congregation to continue to grow as committed followers of Christ?

3. Share your philosophy about faith formation and how you intend to support the family

1. At ____, we view parents as the primary faith shapers of their children and we're here to support households in that process.
2. Research shows, that if faith is to grow, then it must be practiced daily. We encourage all families to engage in caring conversations, prayer, devotions and acts of service and we'll teach you how to do these things, and also provide you with resources to do so.
3. We offer a variety of programs/activities to support youth and their parents in their faith journey (describe some of these items) and we hope that you take advantage of these opportunities.
4. Research shows the importance of worshipping as a family, and we hope that you will worship regularly (3 or more times a month) as a family.
5. We believe that youth ministry means youth **DOING** ministry. Here are ways students are currently engaged in ministry leadership. (Asking student) What are some ways you'd like to use your gifts to minister to others?
6. Our ministry to young people would not exist if parents didn't provide ongoing support to this ministry. Here are a few ways other parents are currently helping to grow this ministry. Parents, what are some ways you could see yourself supporting young people in ministry at _____ this year?

4. Share "next steps" for growing in faith

1. Invite student/parents to sign up/register for upcoming events, classes, trips and retreats
2. Collect Student Profile form and obtain parent contact information
3. Give the family a faith resource (*Heart Ignite* book, *Taking Faith Home*, FaithTalk); close in prayer