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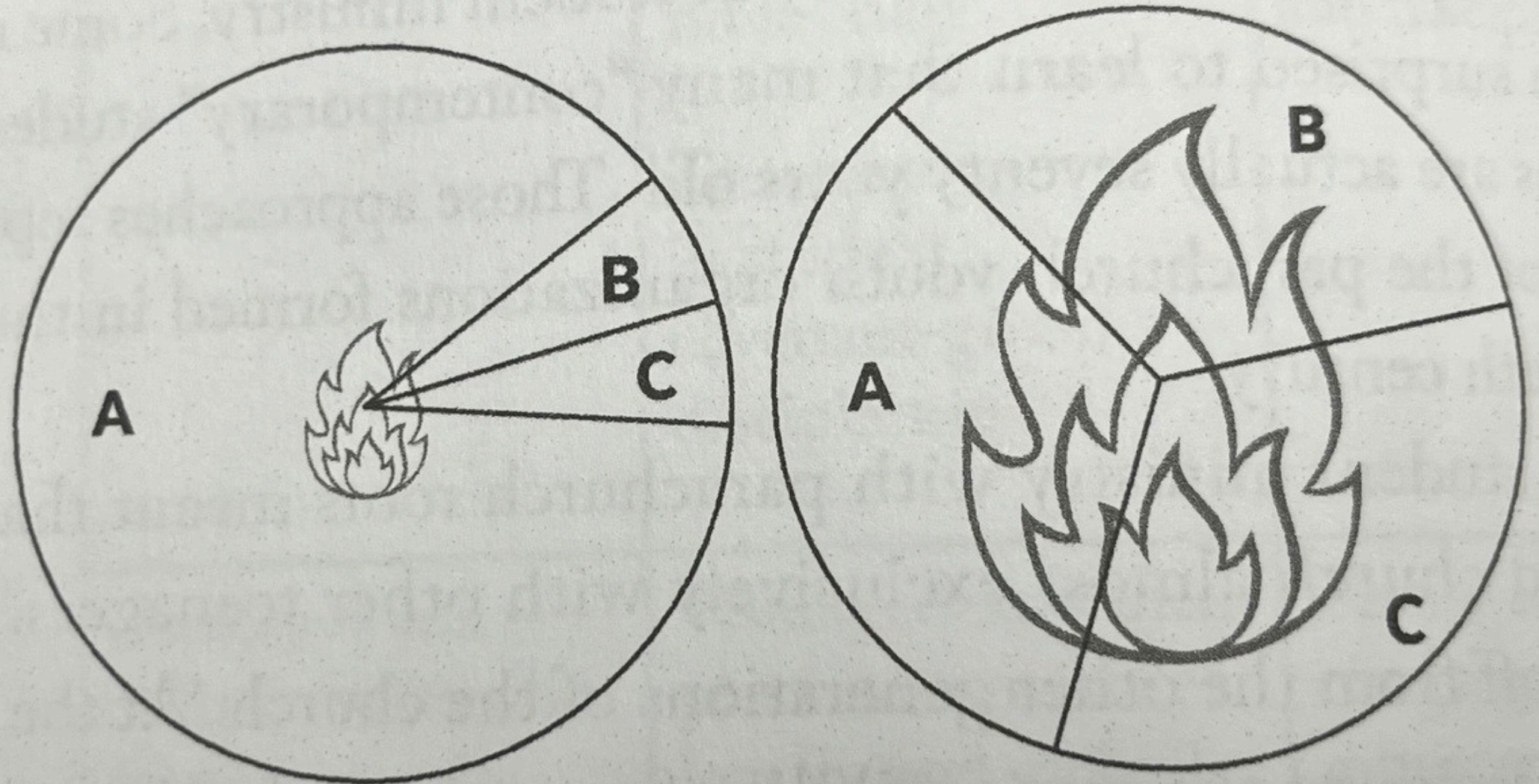
The Church

WHY IT MATTERS AND YOUR ROLE AS PARENTS

**What does Devotion
mean?**

Fire Analogy

MINISTRY WITH TEENAGERS



A: Teenagers and the Student Group
B: Teenagers and the Congregation
C: Teenagers and their Families

LET'S BE HONEST

- LakeDay
- Sports
- Preparation for the Week
- Time with Friends
- Tired Long week
- ETC

Most families who are consistently missing church on a regular basis, regardless of the reason, are also struggling with family discipleship.

READING A BIBLE STORY IN PLACE OF CHURCH:

- 1.) The church is full of people who have fought the fight and stood firm in faith, and there is no substitute to the encouragement that those men and women are.
- 2.) The focus is not there. It's like trying to do homework at a concert.
- 3.) It shows we can sprinkle Jesus in.

IMPORTANT STATISTICS

Statistic #2

78 Percent of adults over 55 who are not in the church report that they did not attend church as a family consistently.

Statistic #3

When surveyed, college students, who are actively engaged in a church, reported having one thing in common: A relationship with 5 individuals in their home church that were not on staff.

Statistic #1

71 percent of Adults over 55 in the church reported that they attended church on a regular basis at an early age with their family.

WHAT THESE STATISTICS TELL US:

- 1.) Proverbs 22:6 is spot on
- 2.) If you want to have a legacy of faith passed down generation to generation, it starts by being committed to the local church.
- 3.) If you neglect the church now, don't be surprised when your kids neglect it later in life.

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Show Up - Physically and Emotionally

- 1.) It is more than physically walking through the door
- 2.) If that was how you treated your marriage, it will not end well. It would also make you hate your marriage.
- 3.) Participate when you are here: Sing Take Notes

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Serve - Individually and as a family

- 1.) Your kids see you giving effort in every other avenue of their life
- 2.) You coach sports. You serve on the PTO. You go to Practice. You cook at Concessions. Etc.
- 3.) If your kid does not serve with you or see you serving, they will not learn the importance of serving.

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Give - Financially and using your gifts

- 1.) We give money to the things that are important to us.
- 2.) It is biblical to give to the mission of the church
- 3.) What are your spiritual gifts? How are you using them?
- 4.) What are your children's spiritual gifts?

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Connect the Dots - Reinforce what is happening throughout the week

- 1.) Use your notes to talk about the sermon
 - 2.) Ask your child what they learned in class
 - 3.) Have their LifeGroup Leader over for dinner
 - 4.) The things that you talk about on a regular basis are important
- Don't let finances, performances, sports, etc dominate your conversations

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Pray for the Church

- 1.) As a family, set time aside daily to pray for the church
- 2.) Ephesians 6 tells us that spiritual warfare is real.
- 3.) Let your kids and family see that it is a fight.
- 4.) Pray specifically for the ministers ministering to your kids
- 5.) Do your kids know who is on the pastor search team?

RESOURCES

Book:

A New Vision
for SBC Student
Ministry. -
Richard Ross

Any book or
video by Richard
Ross will
challenge you.

Spiritual Gifts:

Google: Spiritual Gifts
Assessments Tool - LifeWay

We have a few copies here.

On their page, they have a few
different links that will help direct
you as well.