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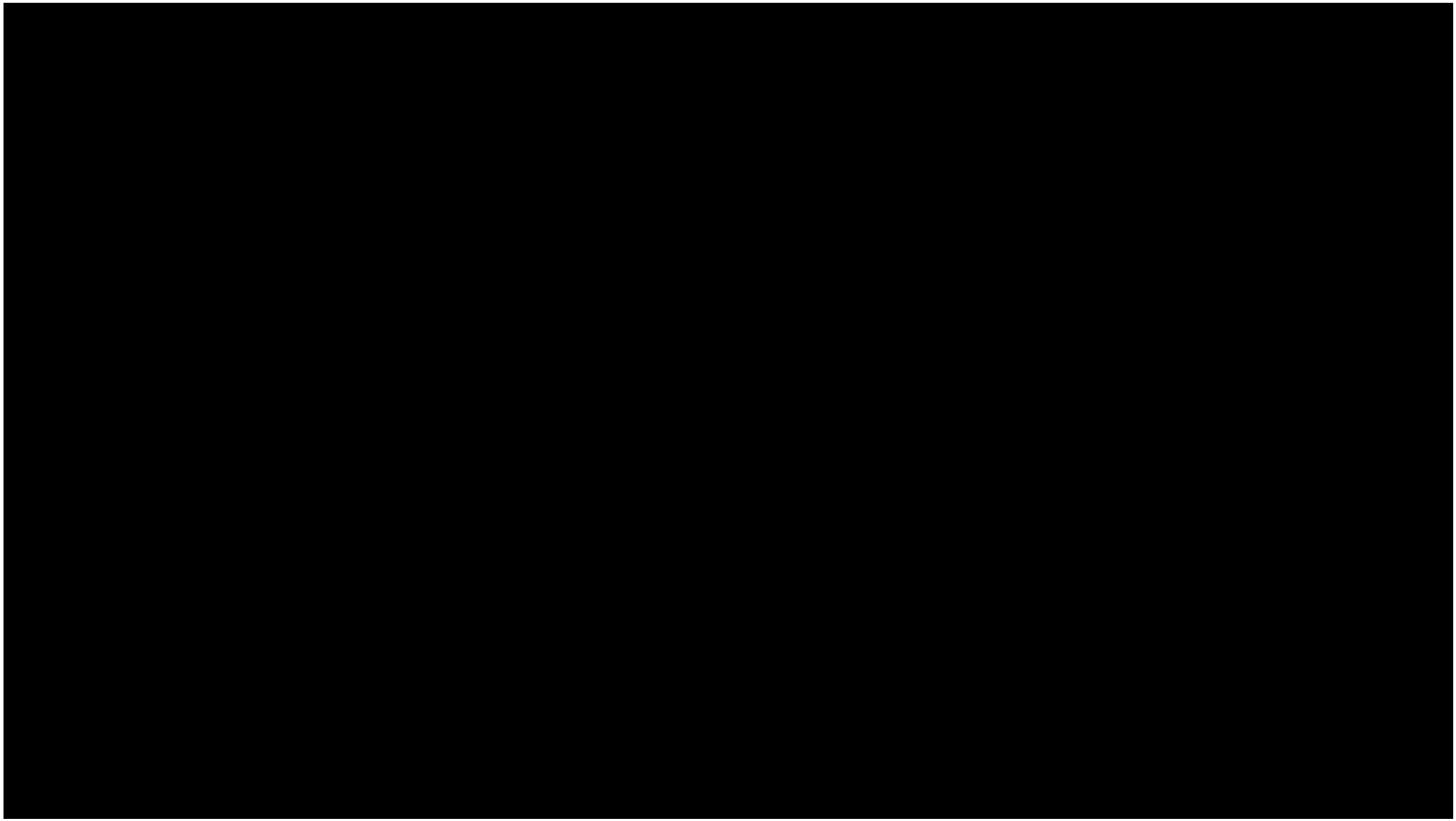
Partnering Together-

Equipping the Family of Families

LEADING, EQUIPPING
AND DISCIPLING IN
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEW FOR 2026: 2 LOCATIONS... 2 DATES

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Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Praise the Lord
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Sing His greatness
All creation
Praise the Lord

Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

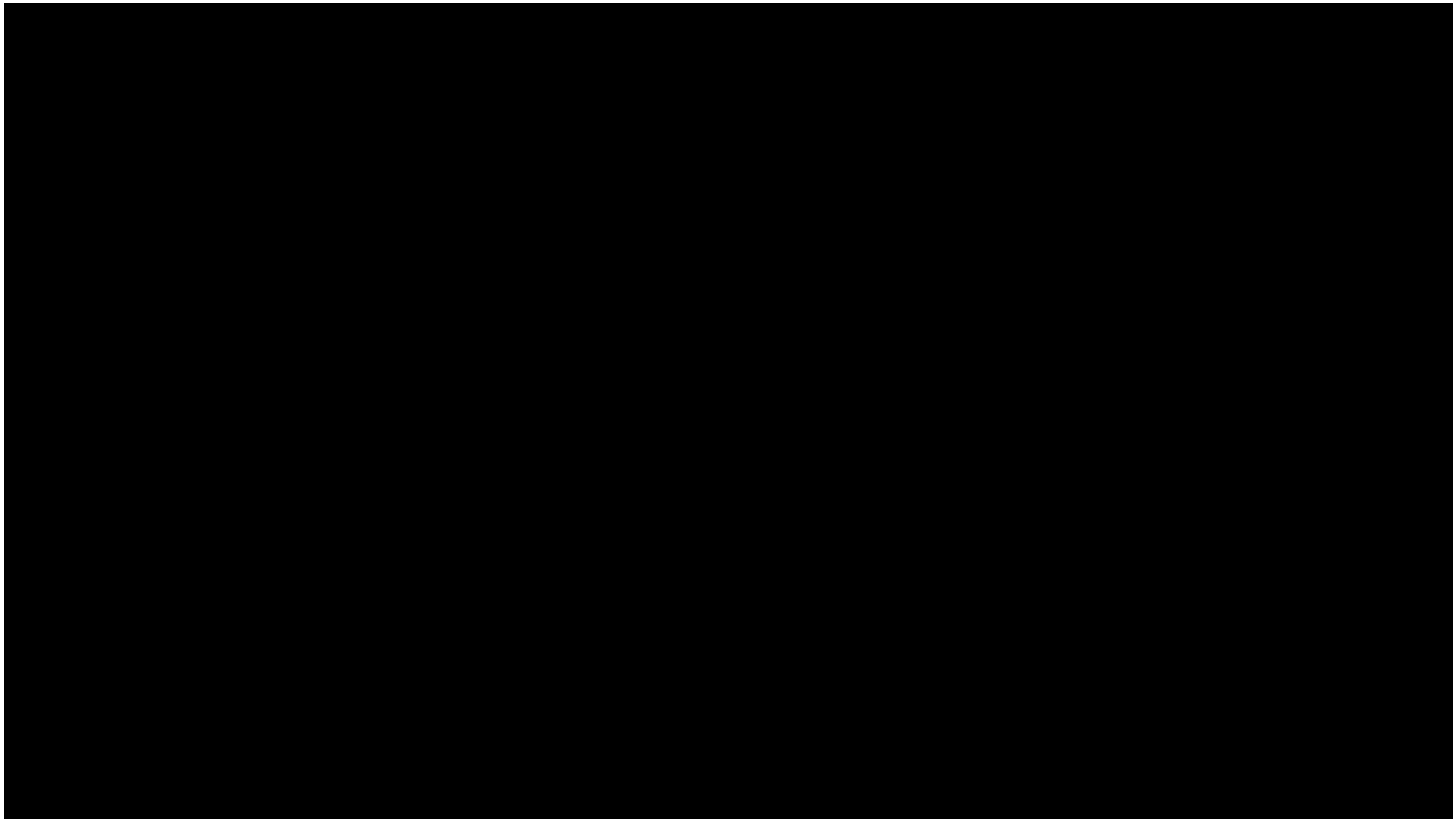
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Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord
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All creation
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Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths

From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord





Grow Groups

- Group 1: Room 201
- Group 2: Room 203
- Group 3: Room 204
- Group 4: Room 205

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Wednesday Free Time Options
12:30-4:30PM
Connect with a Children's Ministry Team member if you want to join with others!

4:30PM - Workshops

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Affinity Group Dinner Options

Tonight at 5:45PM

1. Navigating Shared Spaces or Renovations

Troubleshoot real challenges and swap practical ideas for thriving in a building that's not exclusively yours—whether due to shared use, ongoing renovations, or limited access.

2. Outgrowing Your Nursery

Brainstorm creative strategies to maximize your space, deploy volunteers effectively, and joyfully accommodate a growing number of little ones.

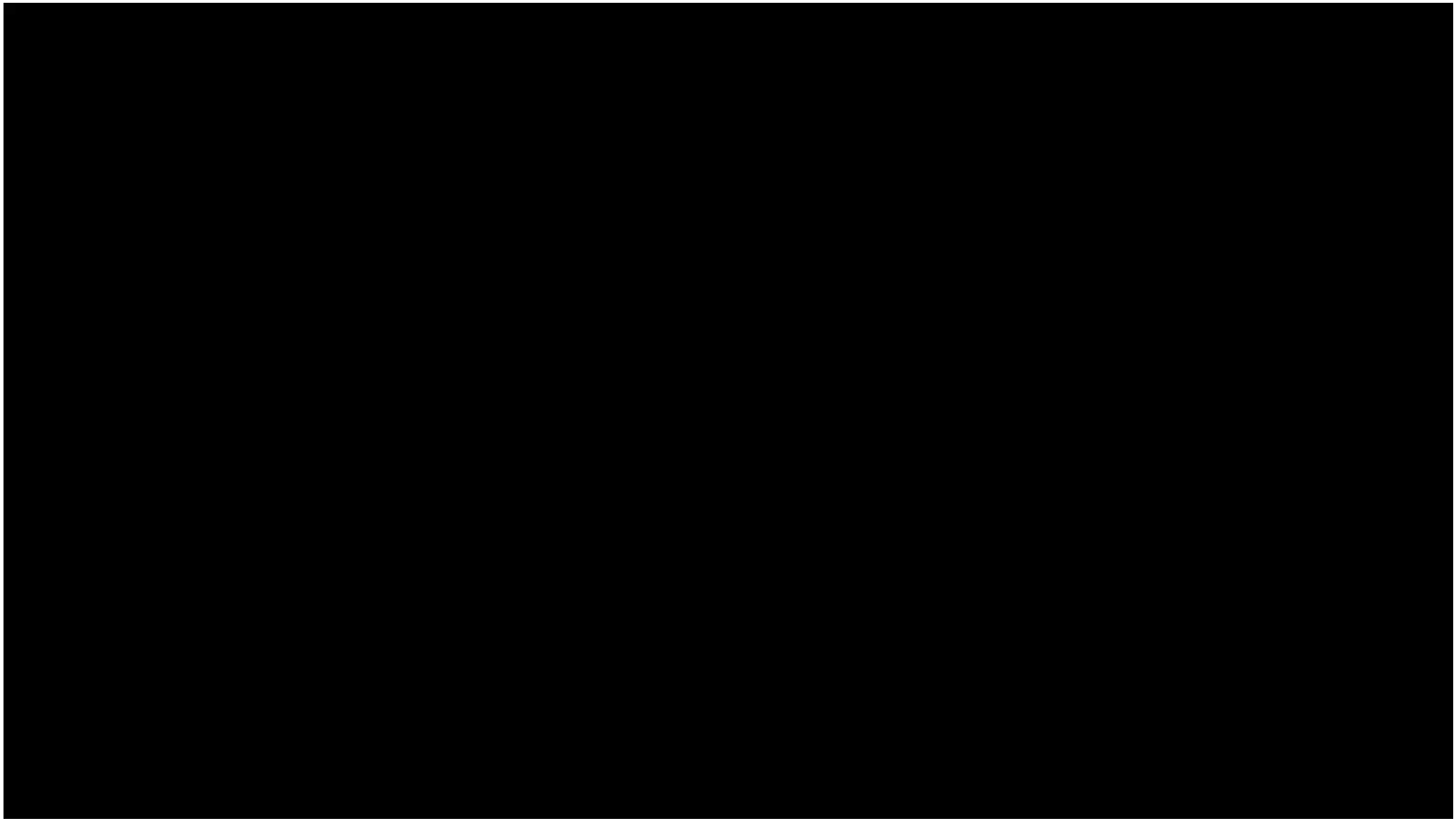
3. Church Planting

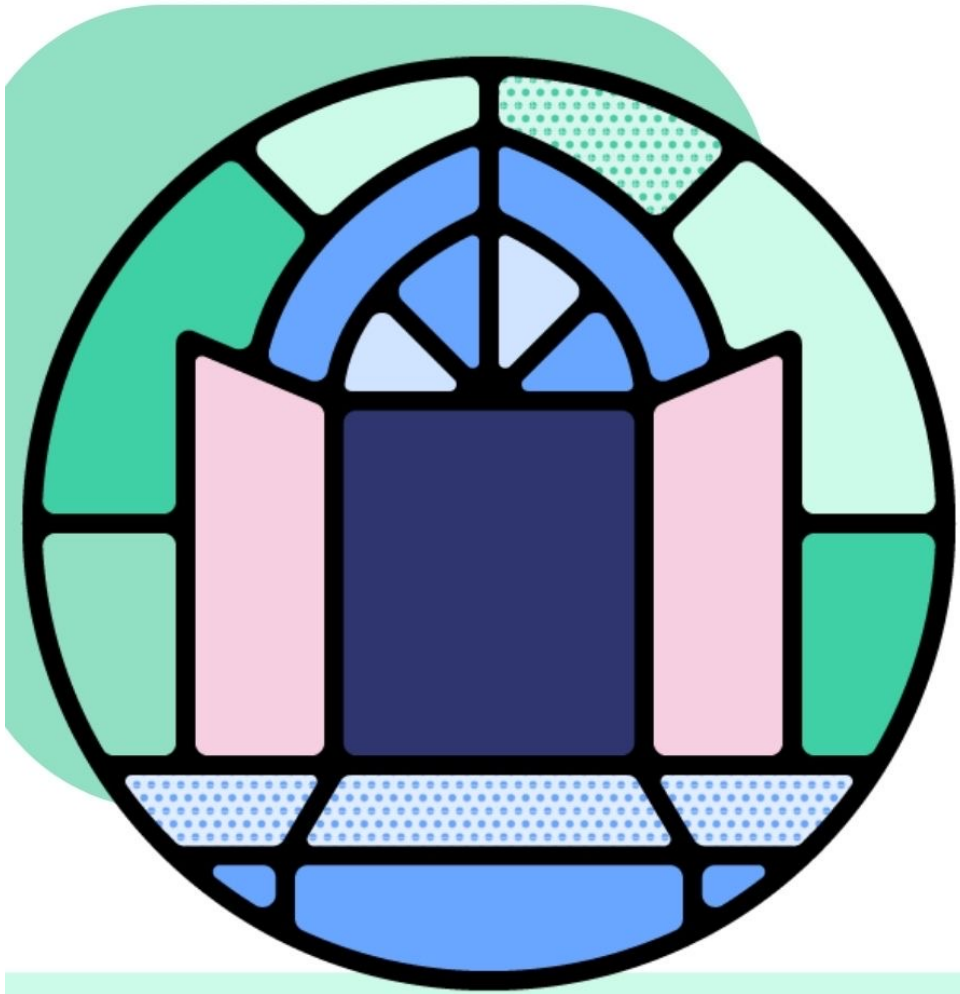
Starting a kids' ministry in a new plant is a unique adventure—join others building from the ground up to share wins, pitfalls, and practical starting tips.

4. Serving Both Children and Youth

Feeling the tension in your dual role? You're not alone—come discuss practical ways to serve both groups and their families effectively.







Teach Us to Worship

Teach them to worship for a lifetime.

Psalm 100:1 (ESV)

[1]Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

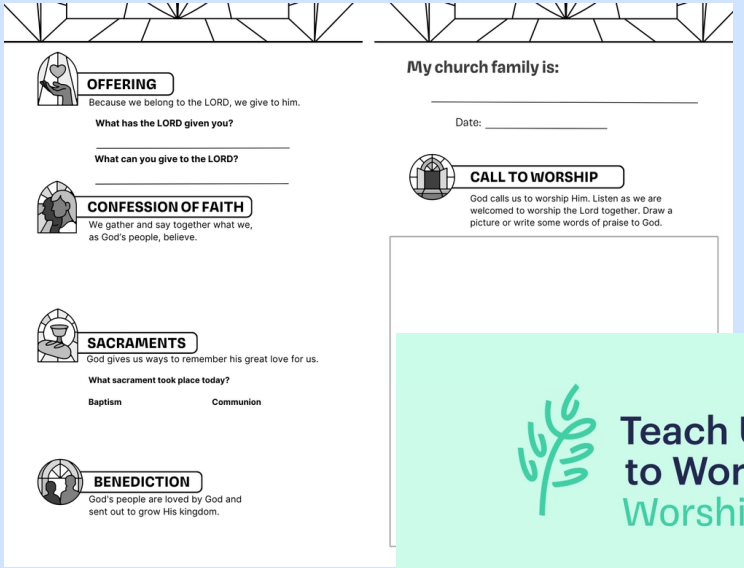
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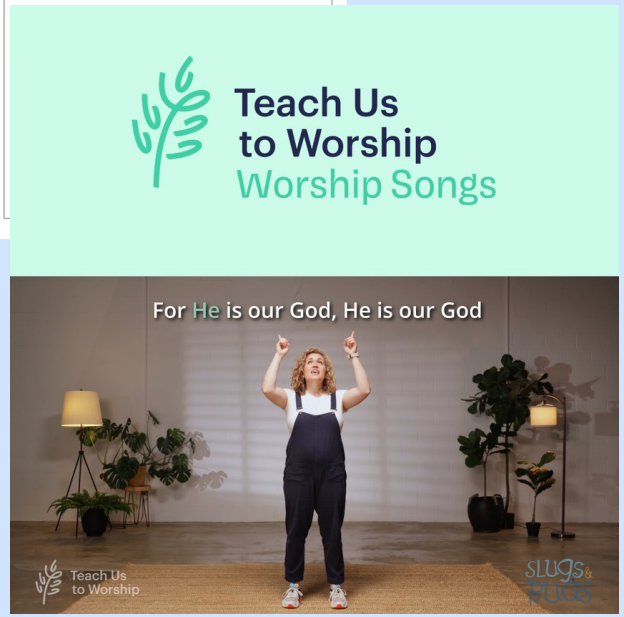


Additional Resources on the Hub

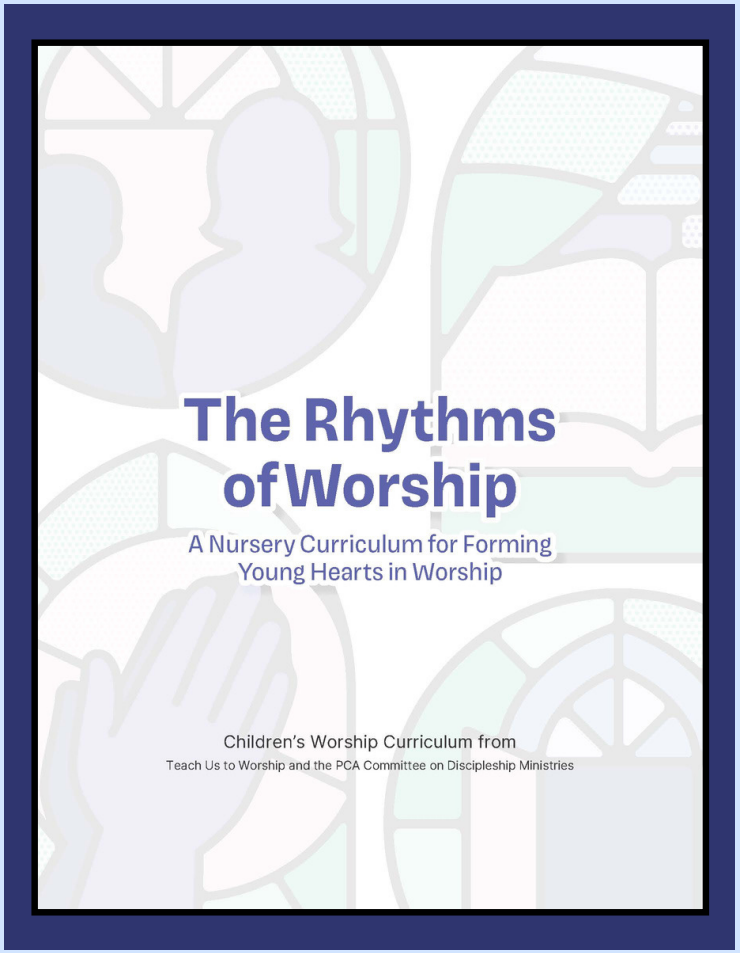


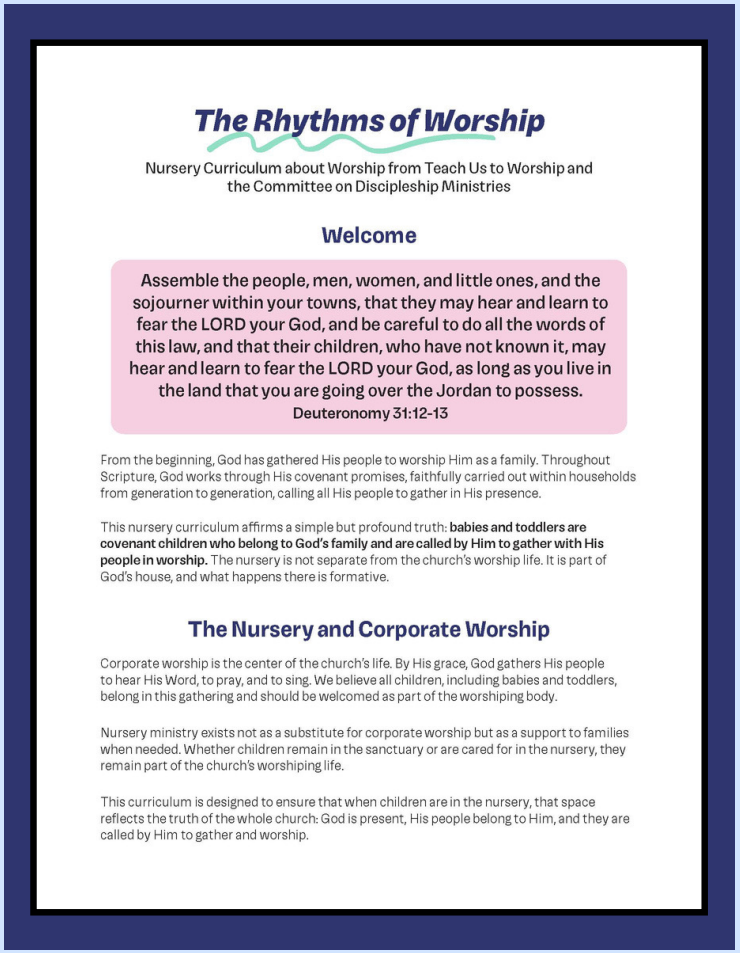






Introducing: Nursery Curriculum





The Rhythms of Worship

Nursery Curriculum about Worship from Teach Us to Worship and the Committee on Discipleship Ministries

Welcome

Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.
Deuteronomy 31:12-13

From the beginning, God has gathered His people to worship Him as a family. Throughout Scripture, God works through His covenant promises, faithfully carried out within households from generation to generation, calling all His people to gather in His presence.

This nursery curriculum affirms a simple but profound truth: **babies and toddlers are covenant children who belong to God's family and are called by Him to gather with His people in worship.** The nursery is not separate from the church's worship life. It is part of God's house, and what happens there is formative.

The Nursery and Corporate Worship

Corporate worship is the center of the church's life. By His grace, God gathers His people to hear His Word, to pray, and to sing. We believe all children, including babies and toddlers, belong in this gathering and should be welcomed as part of the worshiping body.

Nursery ministry exists not as a substitute for corporate worship but as a support to families when needed. Whether children remain in the sanctuary or are cared for in the nursery, they remain part of the church's worshiping life.

This curriculum is designed to ensure that when children are in the nursery, that space reflects the truth of the whole church: God is present, His people belong to Him, and they are called by Him to gather and worship.

Nursery Curriculum Prayer Posters



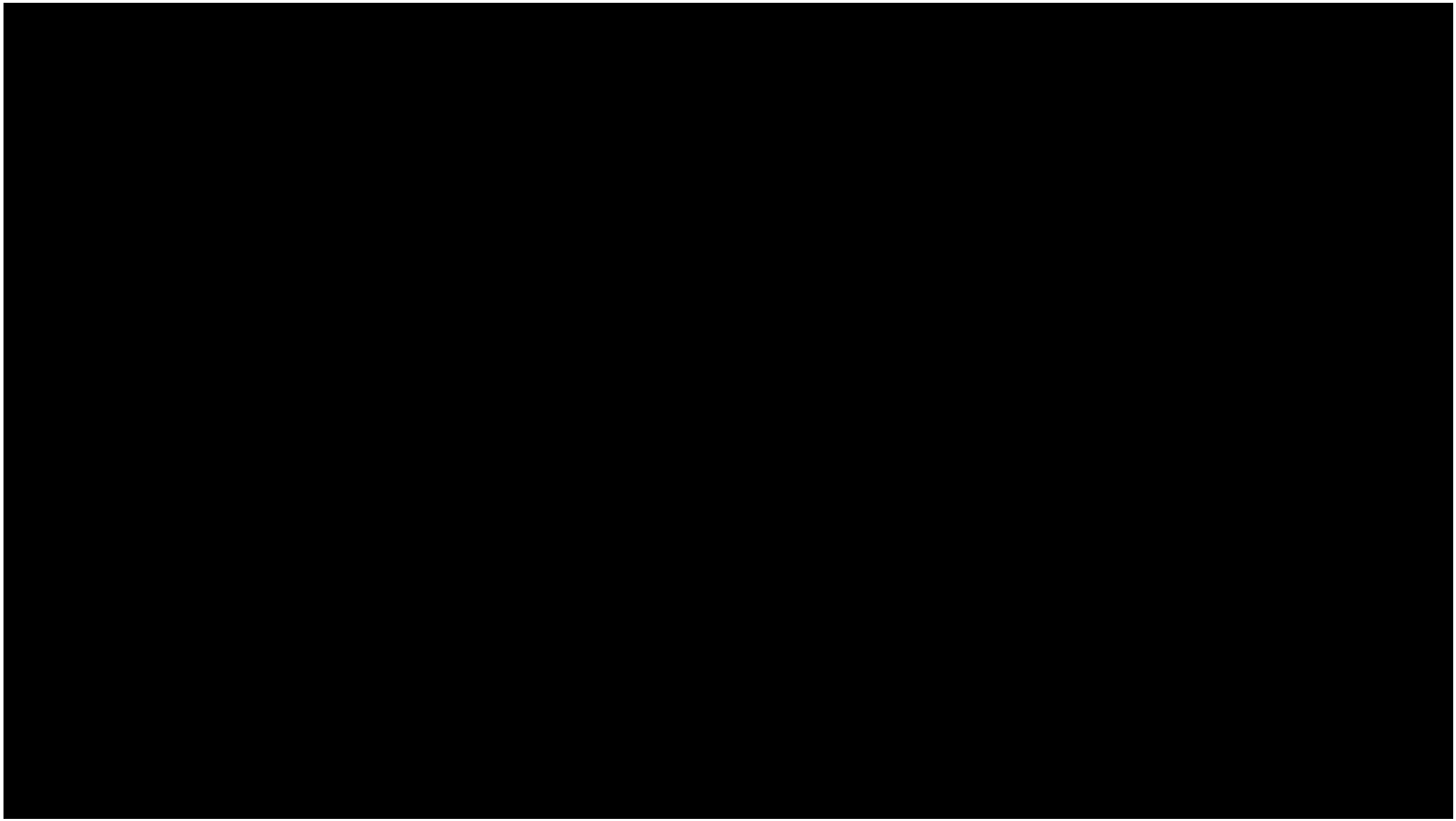




Let's Keep the Conversation Going!

- 4-Week Virtual Summer Book Discussions

- Regional Seminars
- Forming Faith at Home: A Seminar for Leaders and Parents



O Great God

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That’s dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

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Stumbling Little Ones (and Their Families)

Mark 9:42

Danny Kwon and Monica Kim

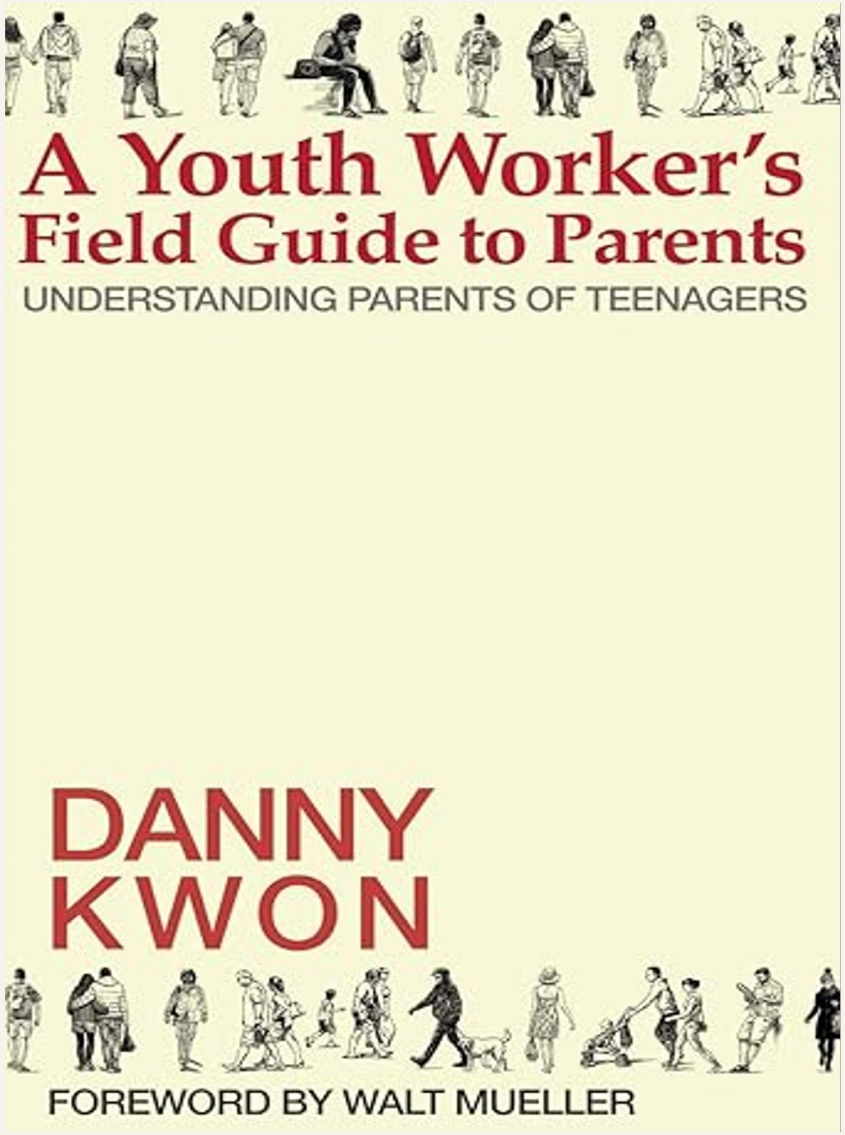
Mark 9:42

42 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”

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The Seriousness of the Call


A Youth Worker's
Field Guide to Parents
UNDERSTANDING PARENTS OF TEENAGERS
DANNY
KWON
FOREWORD BY WALT MUELLER


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02

Heart connection before heart correction

“Teaching biblical truth without relationship becomes academic; emphasizing community without truth becomes sentimental.”

Sherry Kendrick

03

Assessing Our Own Hearts and Churches as CM Leaders: A Church Full Of Genes

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7

03 Assessing Our Own Hearts and Churches as CM Leaders

May the love of Christ and the gospel of unmerited grace rule our hearts in our attitudes and love for parents and their children.

Does our church welcome parents of children? Do we create opportunities to be physically and emotionally present with families in a covenantal way? (Stephen Estock)

Create spaces for parents to share, pray, and study God's Word in ways that invite authenticity, acknowledge hardship, foster meaningful conversation, and offer a place of refuge

Do we warmly welcome and receive families and children who are not as polished, while growing in this practice? (vs. Being awkward or shaming)

Care for diverse parents—single mothers, those with high-energy children, divorced parents, and those lacking biblical literacy.

His Mercy is More

Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn’
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What love could remember,
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord,
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What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
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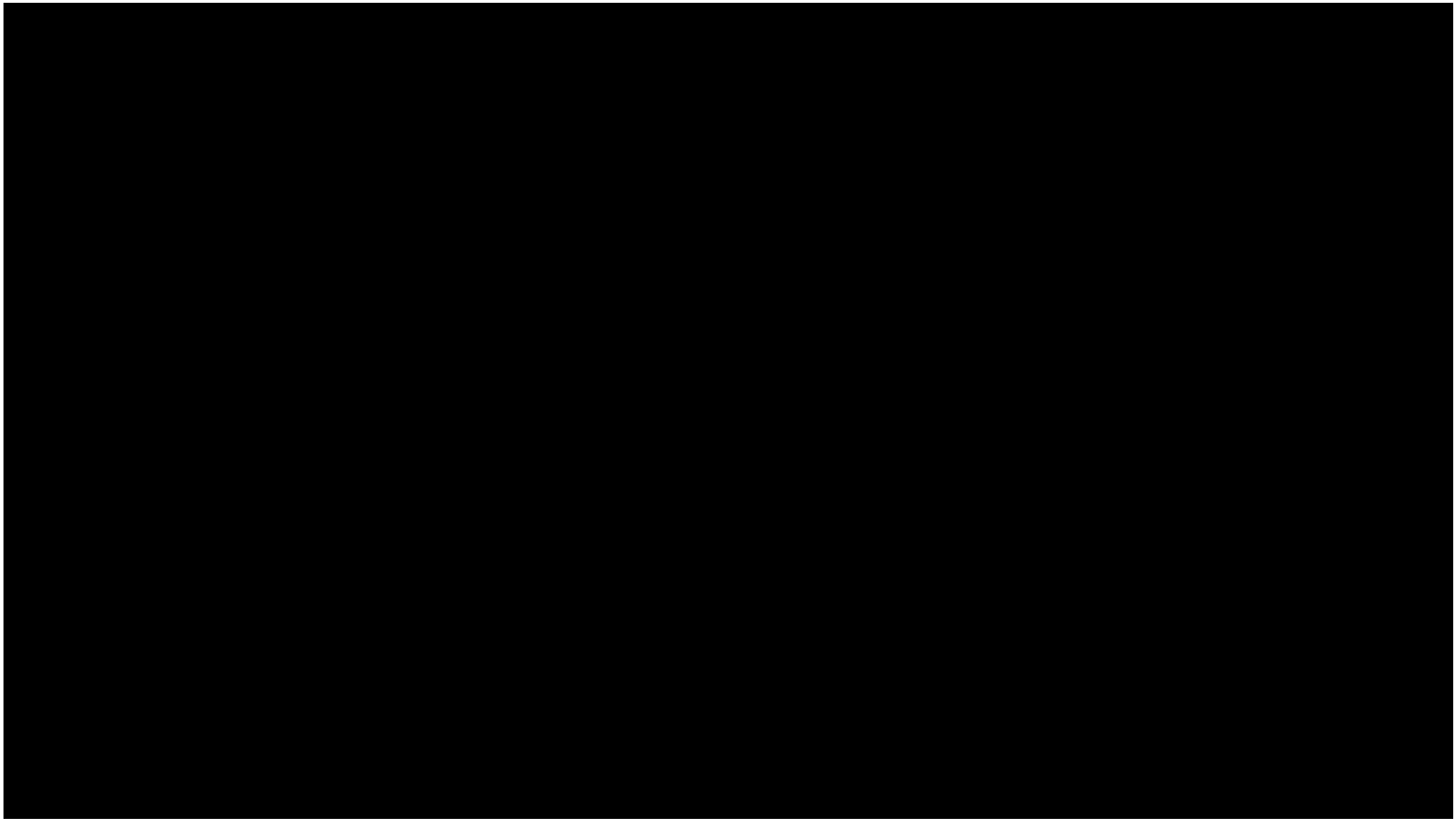
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What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford
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