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How to Keep Teenagers
& Young Adults from
Leaving Your Church



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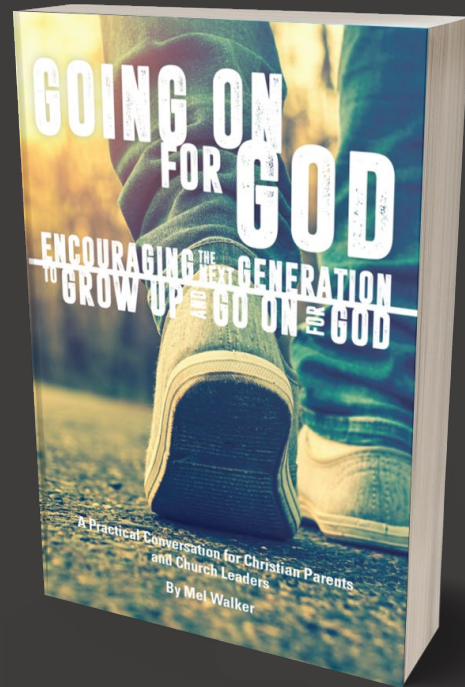
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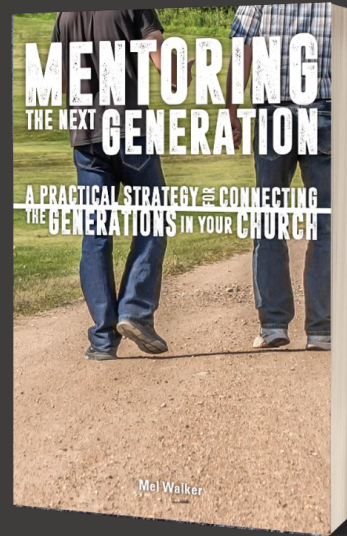
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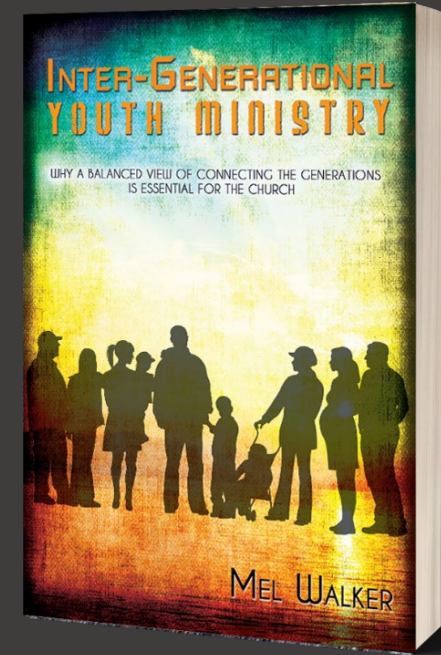
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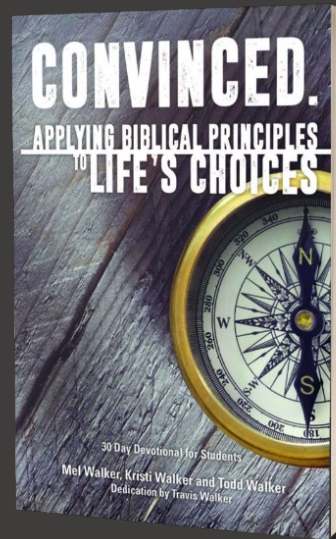
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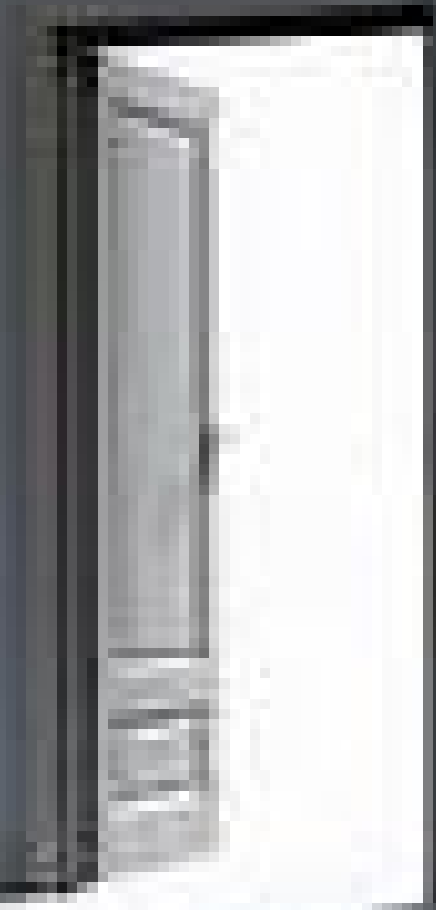
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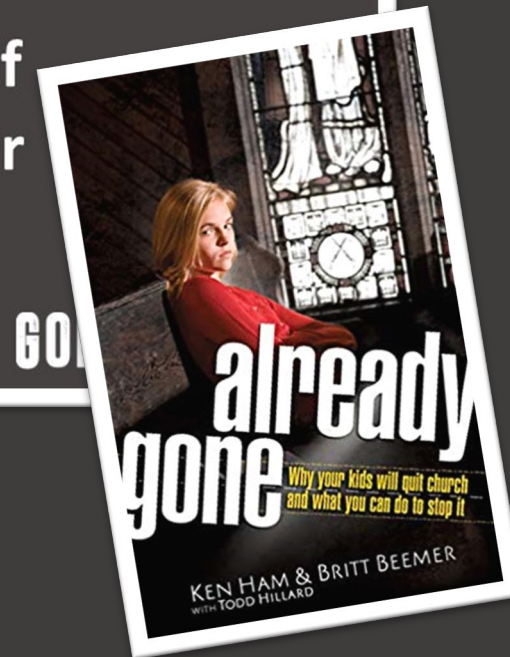
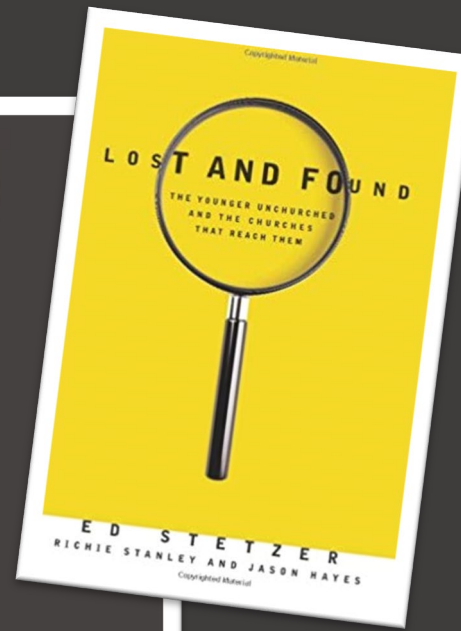
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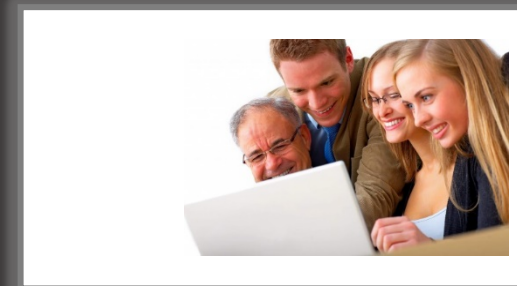
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**No ownership in
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**Not receiving consistent
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**Not connected with
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WHY ARE THEY CHECKING OUT?



Family Issues



Other Priorities



Busy Schedules



“Not Relevant”

WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS ?

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PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR YOU TO THINK THROUGH -

- 1. Creatively communicate God's Word and show them how It applies to life today! (The Bible has answers.)**
- 2. Help them build "sweat equity" in their church. (e.g. service, giving, work, "voice" ...)**
- 3. Build growing connections with Godly adults. ("inter-generational ministry")**
- 4. Develop positive relationships with them outside of church. (Show interest in THEIR lives and activities.)**
- 5. Help them understand the importance of Godly peers. (See Daniel 3.)**

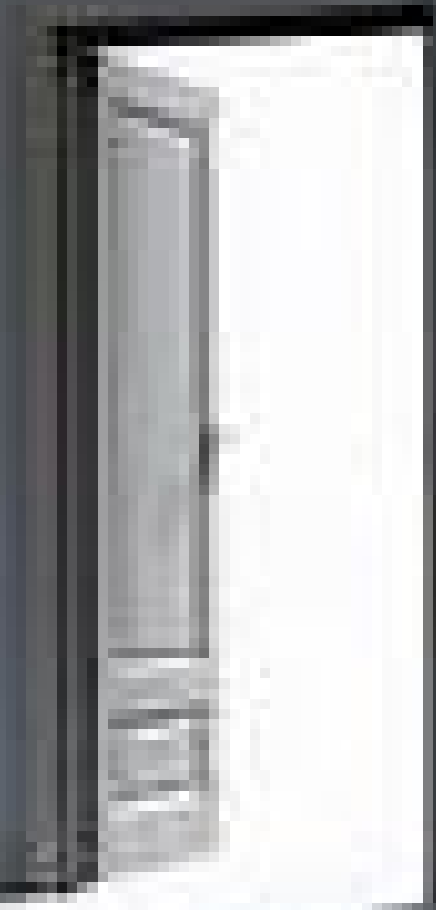
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- 6. Help equip parents to be a spiritual success with their own kids... AND reach out to the growing number of hurting & dysfunctional households in your community.**
- 7. “Raise the bar” as your church’s teenagers and young adults mature and grow up. (Give them growing leadership opportunities.)**

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