

Parenting In The Light

“In The Light!” That is our name for our children’s ministry here at Cornerstone. Our children’s ministry exists to **partner** with parents in leading kids to walk in the light.

1 Peter 2:9 says,

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

What we want the kids at Cornerstone to grasp is that salvation is not just about “going to heaven when you die.” When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, he calls us out of the darkness we were living in before salvation into living in his wonderful light alone. Going back to that darkness is not an option for a child of God. Now that we are living in God’s Kingdom, our sole purpose in life should be to worship and serve the King! Are we called to do this by ourselves? Romans 12:4-6 says,

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.”

We are called to serve the Lord **as a body**, using our gifts collectively to glorify Him. God never intended us to serve Him by ourselves.

The following are the names of our different age levels in children’s ministry:

Nursery: “Little Lambs”

Preschool: “Wee Discover”

Early Elementary (1st/2nd Grades): “His Kids”

Upper Elementary (3rd-5th Grades): “Extreme Team”

Each of these names reflects the idea that we are not in this alone. They also can each be paired with our theme: Little Lambs **in the Light**, Wee Discover **in the Light**, His Kids **in the Light**, and Extreme Team **in the Light**.

What does this have to do with our parenting? As we raise Kingdom kids, it is our responsibility as parents to train them how to live in God’s light. Even before they are old enough to understand salvation, we are to be models to our children of how to serve our King. This is not a responsibility we can take lightly. Because Kingdom living goes beyond our natural human instincts, this will not be an easy task. Keeping our focus on Christ our King and living to serve Him daily should be at the foundation of our parenting.

