Raising Gen Z

A Target for Our Arrows - Handout

* Arrows Need a Target – Psalm 127:3-5
  + What is the target for our raising?
  + Are we raising rule followers or Christ followers?
* Romancing Your Child’s Heart – Monte Swann
  + What Does it Mean?
    - A battle for the heart of our young people
    - Romancing to God
      * Creating Thirst – Proverbs 22:6
      * Bringing Jesus into View – Ephesians 6:4
  + What Does it Take?
    - You Have to Be Serious About Your Faith
    - Step into their world

* + - Encourage a Sense of Wonder – God’s Creation
    - Draw Out Their Creative Image
  + Practical Applications
    - Family Traditions
    - Allow freedom at home – friends, be themselves
    - Ordinary opportunities
    - Share unique experiences
* Homework
  + Take a moment to pray that God`s Spirit will strengthen and equip you to bring Jesus into view for the young people you can influence. Write down your answers and ideas, then make a plan to make them happen. Not everything is applicable for everyone, and nothing is guaranteed to work, but with prayer and testing, you will find things that will romance your young person`s heart to God.
  + Are you growing in your faith? If not, what could you do to make that happen?
  + How can you step into the world of the young people you can influence?
    - Have you shared your story with them? If not, find a way to share your story all at once or incrementally. Be sure to frame it in the context of a part of God`s Larger Story.
    - What do you and your young person have in common? How can you leverage that to bring Jesus into view?
    - How can you encourage a sense of wonder at God`s creation for your young person?
    - What is something your young person is naturally good at or to which they are drawn? How can you help grow that interest or ability and help them see its value in God`s Kingdom?
  + Pick two Practical Applications from the list above that you would like to implement or strengthen in your raising practices. Then, dream of ways to use these to bring Jesus into view for the young people you can influence.