

Enduring Faith Factors

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Youth are dropping out of church in alarming numbers. While it is important to understand what the reasons are behind this drastic shift, it is just as important to focus on how these issues affect the way we teach.

Days of Godlessness

“For People will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power”

Here are some key factors for creating an environment that produces enduring faith:

- Parental role models
- Love and acceptance in their church
- Spiritual growth/challenge
- Outside mentors
- Wrestling with hard questions in the church
- Opportunities to take responsibility
- Connection to a small Bible study group/discipleship group
- Spiritual disciplines outside the church

When teaching Bible study for endurance to youth, consider that it is more than just information, it is a lesson on building a life of enduring Faith.

Think through these four key elements to teaching enduring faith:

- Model Warmth
- Teach Depth
- Discuss Questions
- Encourage Home
- Which of these faith factors seems to be the most important with the youth you teach?
- Which of the suggestions from Kelly resonated the most with you?
- What changes do you think would be helpful in building enduring faith with the teenagers in your class?