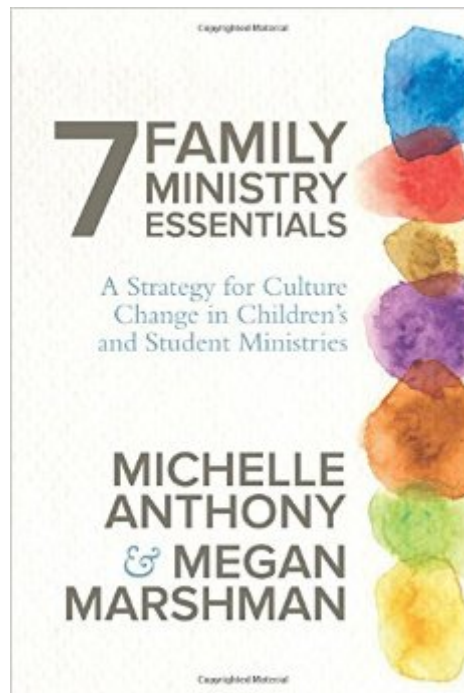


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# 7 Family Ministry Essentials: A Strategy For Culture Change In Children's And Student Ministries



## Synopsis

With decades of ministry experience, Michelle Anthony and Megan Marshman capture the guiding essentials of life-changing family ministry. These seven essentials for children and student leaders emphasize: 1. Empowering families to take spiritual leadership in the home 2. Forming lifetime faith that transcends childhood beliefs 3. Teaching Scripture as the ultimate authority of truth 4. Understanding the role of the Holy Spirit to teach and transform 5. Engaging every generation in the gospel of God's redemptive story 6. Making God central in every biblical narrative and daily living 7. Participating in community with like-minded ministry leaders 7 Family Ministry Essentials will energize and equip you with the practical steps, inspirational stories, and biblical foundation you need as you lead those in your ministry.

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I am not in the ministry but I do have a longing to reach children and their families and bring them to Christ, with a living and life long relationship. Most churches prefer to have families separated the moment they walk through the door " we don't want babies to cry and distract us, we don't want a bored child coloring on a piece of paper and we don't want a teen who hasn't been taught to be present in church falling asleep. What if it could look different with families engaged with one another and also engaged in Christ and being fully present together? Our churches would become more powerful and better equipped to reach those in our communities and our world if all are equipped and able to give a sound reason for their faith. Now, I know that I'm in a unique position, in that I home-school so almost all our curricula is centered on Christ as the focal point "

He is the focal point of our family, and at times we fail – but being the sole educator for my three children gives me the chance to really teach about Christ, both in action and words. Our history text weaves in Biblical history with what was and is going on in the world at the same time – it puts it all together, not like Sunday School curricula where children can’t and don’t see how history lines up with Daniel in the Lion’s Den or Christ’s birth. We need to start giving out more than just milk and expect the parents to do it at home without any direction. Even I wasn’t prepared and it’s taken years for me to become comfortable with teaching my children Biblical truths, so how much harder for those families that have to overcome public school mentality or who have never been to church?

Introduction: I have built up a reputation as the CTF Devourer, the one who reads and reviews everything Christian Teen Fiction. I do also devour Christian Adult Fiction. Rarely though, do I open up a non-fiction book. However, there’s one topic I’m just passionate enough about to read non-fiction books on: Children’s Ministry. I’m a teacher by profession and a constant volunteer of anything and everything children’s ministry in my church. So when this book was presented to me for review I couldn’t resist going out of the fiction realm. And it’s worth it. I can definitely recommend this book to anyone interested in the spiritual development of children. It has some good thought-provoking things to say. I’ll discuss some of them in the –œnotes– section below. Think about helping parents become spiritual leaders of their children. Think about how difficult it is in our culture to educate, inspire, and remain faithful to the cause. Now think about what it would look like if Christian parents barely thought about spiritually leading their families through every age and stage of their child’s development because it had become second nature. Just think, in one generation, this could change. And you could be a part of this transformation in your church’s culture.

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Summary: –œFamily Ministry–, –œChildren and Families Pastor–, –œFamily Program–, these terms are gaining popularity. Our culture has begun to recognize that complete total segregation of ages within church is not the ideal.

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