

Hey Parents!

It was my honor to hang out with you at Twisted Arcade. Reminder! I'm Jay Reynolds and I oversee student ministries here at Hope. Our MSM Team (Middle School Ministry) and I are praying for you and your families. I wanted to drop a few highlights from our time together to give you some easy links to click and make it simple to share with your spouse if they were not able to join.

Parent Session Recap

Hope Community Church is actively working to **Build Families that Thrive** so that everyone can **'Own Their Faith and Pass It On.'**

1. Know Your Role as a Parent

- Remember what it was like for you as a middle schooler. Think back to that phase of life to develop empathy for your child.
- You are the parent. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7. Impress your faith on your children, and talk about it when you drive, eat, walk, and spend time together.
- Family Devo: Journey to the Cross ([click here](#))

2. Know Your Student

- Understanding the Teen Brain. Check out this video ([click here](#))
- Understand the Middle School Brain ([click here](#))
- Further reading can be one of these books:
 - A Parent's Guide to Understanding Teenage Brains ([click here](#))
 - Parenting Your Sixth Grader ([click here](#))

3. Get Your Student a Bible they can Read and Understand

- This version is great in helping students with their questions and giving instructions for Bible study methods located in the back of the Bible.
- Telos Bible, A Student's Guide Through Scripture ([click here](#))

It was an honor to spend time with you. I want to leave you with this as encouragement and my prayer over you as you parent your rising 6th grader.

- Your Words Matter
- Your Actions Matter
- Your Prayers Matter
- Your Steadiness Matters
- Your Relationship with Jesus Matters

We are here to walk alongside you in middle school. General MSM questions can be sent to msm@gethope.net. My cell is 724-244-8222 and email is jayr@gethope.net. Feel free to reach out to chat and/or grab coffee sometime.

Take one step at a time & enjoy,

Jay