

Don't Graduate from Your Faith

Senior Night 2013

Introduction:

- A. Graduation is a time of celebration, but for many it's a countdown to freedom.
- B. Over the last few years, a growing number of young Christians have left the church and lost their faith (Dave Kinnaman – You Lost Me).
- C. College is a time for new things and many of our young people graduate from our faith.
- D. What can be done to protect our young people from graduating from their faith?

Know What You Believe and Why

- A. Take time to understand what you believe.
- B. “We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard so that we do not drift away” (Heb. 2:1).
- C. Difficult times are here (2 Tim. 3:1-5). However, we aren't just dealing with false teachers anymore (2 Tim. 4:3-4). We are now dealing with God haters.
- D. We need to continue in the things we have learned (2 Tim. 3:13-17).
- E. We need to build ourselves up in faith (Jude 20).

Be Purposeful About Your Faith

- A. Make God fit into your plans every day (time of prayer, time of study, time of acknowledgment).
- B. Hang around people who will help you in your faith (Prov. 12:26; 13:20).

Find A Place to Worship

- A. Worship is commanded (Heb. 10:25).
- B. Worship brings us together (Acts 2:42).
- C. Worship provides us with encouragement.
- D. Worship benefits others around us (Heb. 10:24-25).
- E. Worship helps us grow in our faith.

Conclusion:

- A. If you do not decide how you will respond to the challenges of college life, you have already determined the outcome. Not to decide is to decide!
- B. As you focus on graduating over the next few weeks, make a whole hearted decision that you will not graduate from your faith. After all, it's a matter of life and death.