



BATTLE OF THE AGES PARENT NIGHT | 10-9-24

Our hope for tonight is that it'll be a good chance for you to connect with the parents of the kids in your group. It should also be a lot of fun, but make the most of the time to get to know the parents. The more connected they feel with you, the more likely they are to encourage their child to be at groups!

5:45 Doors open to Auditorium

Everyone will sit at their tables to do icebreakers. Due to space limitations, we'll likely have the 8th grade groups sitting at tables in the concourse just outside of the auditorium.

6:05 Greeting & Dessert

Drew/Chris will come around to each table/group to welcome everyone and dismiss students to go get trays of dessert to serve their group and take drink orders (water/lemonade). While people wait or eat, we'll have icebreakers for you to do at the table. The more people know about others at their table, the more chance they'll have to win a prize.

6:25 Stage Games – 8th grade groups will come in and sit at chairs in the auditorium.

- Icebreaker quiz – We'll quiz a few people on who knows the others from their table well.
- Who Dat? – One student/parent from each group will come up to identify people shown on screen.
- How well do you know your mom? – Newlywed game but for moms/kids from each group.
- Finish the Line – Everyone can buzz in to finish the movie/song/commercial on their devices using ccg.buzz.

7:00 Parenting in the 90s vs Today

We'll show a portion of this funny video and then transition to group time to talk about what's different and what's the same from Jr. High in the 90s vs today. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiSQmu8oQYU>

7:05 Dismiss to groups

Hebrews 13:8 says, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* In our fast-paced world, things change quickly! We change our clothes, the oil in our cars, the TV channel, and our minds constantly; however, this verse reminds us that Jesus never changes. He is who he's always been. He will never change.

1. What seems the most different about being in Jr. High now versus when parents were in Jr. High?
2. What are some things that haven't changed much about being in Jr. High over the years?
3. Parents, who is someone who was influential to you when you were in Jr. High? How? (*Note: If they start sharing about celebrities, encourage them to share people they had a close relationship with.*)
4. Students, who are some influential people in your life right now? What makes them influential to you?

Wrap up praying for each other. Get 1-2 parents, 1-2 students, and 1-2 leaders. Close by having parents pray for the students, students pray for the leaders, and leaders pray for the parents.

If you end early (unlikely), the gym will not be open this week, but you can play a few quick rounds of two truths and a lie about the leaders or about a few volunteers.