Building Strong Families in a Broken World

Rites of Passage
Transitioning with Purpose

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Colossians 1:16 (Msg)--*...for everything - absolutely everything - above and below, visible and invisible, everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.*

5 Rite of Passage Convictions

1. I was _____ for God's _____.

Revelation 4:11(NLT)--*You, God, created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created.*

- **God loves you _____ and _____.**
  1 John 4:16--*God is love.*
- **Absolutely _____ can stop God from _____ you.**
  Jeremiah 31:3--*I have loved you with an everlasting love.*
- **Because of His unfathomable _____, the most important things you can do are _____ God and _____ Him in return and do things that _____ your _____ for God.**
  Matthew 22:37--*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.*

2. I was _____ for God's _____.

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)--*His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family.*

- **Christian life is not just a matter of _____; it's also a matter of _____.**
- **Take the _____ and _____ with others.**
  The expression "one another" is used 58 times in the New Testament.

Quoted Scripture is from the New International Version unless otherwise noted.

3. I was _____ to be like _____.

Romans 8:29(Msg)--*God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.*

- **You were not an _____.**
- **You need to _____ like _____.**

4. I was _____ for _____.

Ephesians 2:10(NLT)--*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Ephesians 2:10(NIV)--*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

- **You are _____ to _____.**
- **You have been _____ to _____.**
- **You have been _____ to _____:**
  - **S** _____
  - **H** _____
  - **A** _____
  - **P** _____
  - **E** _____

5. I was _____ for a _____.

John 17:18(Msg)--*Father, in the same way you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.*

- **You need a _____ to believers and a _____ to unbelievers.**
- **Your involvement in _____ and _____ begins _____ and continues through life.**

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. What rite of passage do you envision for your teens?
2. Review the points and Bible verses from this lesson.
   What personal application can you make from this week's teaching?
3. How best can you mentor teens in turning beliefs into convictions?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.