

## Partnering with Your Local Church

- 1) The calling of the church in relation to the external community
  
- 2) The calling of the church in relation to the saints
  
- 3) Barriers home-schoolers may find in their local church
  
- 4) Conversation Questions
  - a. I have heard my pastor make comments that cause me to believe he is "anti-home school." Doesn't that justify my not being involved?
  - b. The Youth Pastor of my church spends all sorts of time with the public and private school kids (meeting them at lunch on campus, going to their games, etc), but the only advice he gives to the home-school parents is to send their children to "youth group." How can I help him understand where we are coming from without offending him?
  - c. My church is very age-segregated but my family believes that families should worship and be together so how can we serve in ministry or gain support from our local church when they always want to break us up?
  - d. My church's pastor and the entire church staff all have their children in public or private school, how could I ever expect them to "support" me in my home schooling endeavors when they don't home school or know anything about it?
  - e. My church has its own "private school" and encourages all the members to send their children there, I also feel like home schoolers are looked down upon since they are not "supporting" the church's school. Don't you think it would be a stretch for me to ask my church to support me when I'm not supporting their school?
  - f. Any time home schoolers at our church mention a change or things they want to change, they are accused of thinking they are "better than everyone else." I would like to have an open dialog about children's education, but it seems like there is a brick wall. What can we do to try to break down those walls?
  - g. Home-schoolers seem to have a bad reputation at my church. I don't know where it came from, but any time home schooling is mentioned, it causes such division. Won't it create better "unity" if I just leave that topic alone and get my "home-schooling support" outside of my local church?