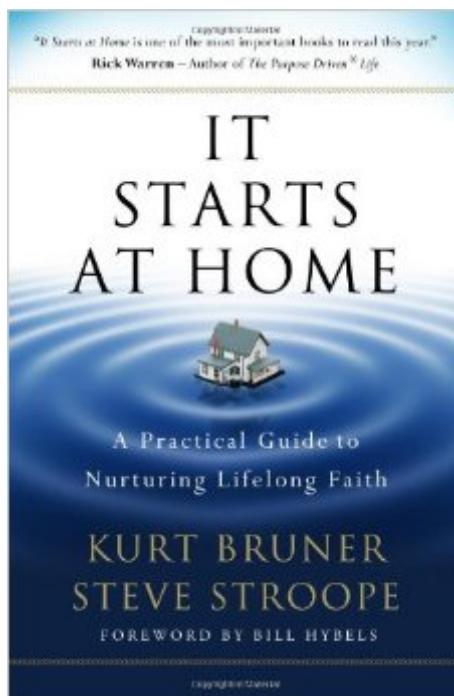


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# It Starts At Home: A Practical Guide To Nurturing Lifelong Faith



## **Synopsis**

Over the past several years church leaders have seen one report after another stating that over 50% of evangelical kids walk away from Christianity as adults. Believing the best strategy for turning the tide is to strengthen families, the authors seek to challenge leadersÂ to restore their homes as the proving ground of meaningful success. It Starts at Home upholds marriage and family as the proving ground for lasting success. It helps recalibrate a leaderâ™s priorities by asking them to evaluate their leadership where it counts most. Experienced leaders, speakers, and pastors Kurt Bruner and Steve StroopeÂ provide a clear purpose, an effective strategy, and a simple plan for couples, parents, grandparents, and church leaders in this movement toward intentionality in the home. (120 Day Assessment, Plan & Ideas included.)Â It isn't too late.

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Over the past decade, Christian churches in the United States have been paying more attention than ever to attendance numbers. The numbers tell us that young people are disappearing in droves, droves so large that churches in the U.S. might well look like the many abandoned church buildings in Europe before long. Kurt Bruner and Steve Stroope point to the home as the primary place where spiritual formation needs to occur, while encouraging churches to shift their focus toward helping parents and grandparents reclaim their responsibility to both model and teach a Christian worldview that includes active church participation and to help inculcate this into their children and grandchildren. The engines for these efforts are "120-day intentionality plans"--specific

strategies for couples, parents, grandparents, and churches to follow to achieve this goal. The book is divided into sections addressing couples, parents, grandparents, and churches since strategies and goals are different for each of these groups. Couples are addressed first since healthy marriages are a prerequisite for healthy families. Parents receive the most attention since they should be providing the bulk of faith formation for their own children. I especially appreciate the authors' recognition of the vital role that grandparents can and should play in the spiritual lives of their grandchildren, even if they live a distance away from them. Couples, parents and grandparents can begin on their own to implement an intentionality plan. They need not wait for their church to get on board. This book is not about a one-time program, but rather about an attitude shift.

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