**GCCHM Leadership Certification**

**Level VI, Course #3**

**HOLD ON TO YOUR KIDS; WHY PARENTS NEED TO**

**MATTER MORE THAN PEERS**

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**(Handouts)**

1. What motivates children to come to church?

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2. Why do children stop going to church? Put a T (True) or F (False) answer on the blank beside each reason.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church is boring.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Children’s programs are well planned but for the wrong age group.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ There is a lack of good teachers.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attitudes of church members are negative.

\_\_\_\_\_\_Children have to attend school and extracurricular activities.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Peer pressure influence their attendance.

3. According to Gordon Neufeld and Gabor Mate, what is the disturbing trend of children today?

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4. Some of the consequences of such a trend are listed below. Fill in the blanks with the correct answers:

1. Healthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is disrupted.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is undermined.
3. Children feel that being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ matters more than everything else.
4. Fosters a youth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that highlights hostility, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Children become overly conforming in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, actions, & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What are the benefits of strong parental attachment?

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6. Identify some characteristics of attachment as identified by Neufeld and Mate.

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7. What are some things that take your child away from you thus affecting your opportunity to bond with him or her? What can you do to create structures that help build connectedness?

8. How do we win our kids back if they are already gone? Put a check mark besides the

statement that is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Make it as difficult as possible for the peer group to hold them.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Give them powerful affirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure your child knows that they can’t step into the house unless they break off completely with their friends.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Communicate to your child that they are more important than what they have done.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Create an intimacy that enables sharing at an emotional level, such as one-on-one special times, regular outings, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Keep your patience.