

# PARENTEEN

## Follow up Idea: Coffee Dates!

This page demonstrates a creative follow up idea from Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, in Menlo Park, CA. They sent out the postcard below and also attached it to email invites.

Start with a personal welcome from you ... here is a sample:

Thank you so much for coming to the [*ParentTeen / Hurt*] Seminar on [*Date*]! Like we shared at the seminar, we've set up a few opportunities for you to come and chat with us about everything we've learned.

Our first opportunity is [*Date*], here in the [*Location*] from [*Time*]. You can see the flyer below for more details. We hope to see you there!

Here is the front and back of a postcard:



### What Next?

- **Get educated on the changing youth culture**  
*Read literature and talk with professionals*
- **Work together**  
*Know other adults that are in your kids' lives*
- **Provide boundaries**  
*Nurture and protect youth in the community*
- **Encourage other parents**  
*Parents need to know that something CAN be done*
- **Make sure each student has multiple adults who know and care for them**  
*Get involved in local schools, extracurricular activities, and religious groups*

More information can be found in Chip Clark's book *Hurt*

If you would like to talk to someone, here are a few people that can help

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