

Appealing to the Next Generation

The importance of _____ following Jesus now, and not waiting until your “_____.”

- Research showed that _____ youth leave the church after high school because they never prioritized their relationship with God while they were young.

Launching a young adult Wednesday night service beginning this Wednesday, July 22 for ages 18-30:

- July 29 Churchwide potluck and then YA every Wednesday at 6:30PM (Prayer Center – the old Hispanic Church)
- The vision for young adults: Lives Transformed by God’s presence
- The mission for young adults: 1 Timothy 4:12
- Kingdom Culture Conference 12-25: August 6-8
- Thursdays First Quarter 18-25: 7PM
- Fridays Global Fellowship 18-30s: 6:30PM
- Sunday Redeemed 11-18: 6PM

1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV

Paul is _____ Timothy!

- Paul says be an _____ to the believers!
 - We have enough voices, _____
- Be an EXAMPLE in _____. Be an EXAMPLE in _____. Be an EXAMPLE in _____. Be an EXAMPLE in _____. Be an EXAMPLE in _____.

Common misunderstandings between generations:

- Older adults may think young people are: Disrespectful because they _____; Easily offended; Uncommitted because they change jobs or ministries more readily; Distracted by _____; Too focused on feelings.
- What they may actually be: Looking for genuine relationships; Wanting to understand before committing; Seeking _____ over appearances.
- Young adults may think older adults are: Judgmental; Controlling; Resistant to _____; Emotionally distant; Unwilling to listen.
- What older adults may actually be: Trying to protect what has proven _____; Carrying decades of experience; Showing care through responsibility rather than words; Wanting to preserve unity and _____.

Common misunderstandings between generations when it comes to showing respect:

- Many older adults communicate respect by: Listening quietly; Being punctual; Dressing appropriately; _____ leaders; Fulfilling commitments.
- Many younger adults communicate respect by: Being honest; Asking thoughtful questions; Wanting _____; Sharing ideas; Being emotionally present.

Each group can mistake the other's expression of respect for disrespect. Why this is important:

In the church, these differences can create tension over:

- Worship styles; Clothing; Technology; Leadership; Communication; How quickly change should happen.

But both generations usually want the same things:

- To honor _____; _____ relationships; Faithful _____; A _____ church.

The Bible doesn't call one generation to become exactly like another. Instead, it calls each generation to love, honor, and learn from the other.

Practical ways to bridge the gap:

For older adults:

- Explain the "_____" behind traditions; Invite younger people into meaningful responsibility; Listen before correcting; Share stories of God's faithfulness rather than simply saying, "We've always done it this way."

For young adults (to bridge the gap):

- Ask questions with _____; Seek to understand before suggesting changes; Honor the sacrifices of those who came before; Be patient with change—it often takes time because people matter.

_____ generations often ask, "How do we remain faithful?"

Younger generations often ask, "How do we _____ people?"

The _____ ask _____ questions at the same time.

