

TO THE NEXT GENERATION

Psalm 78:1-8

12-31-23

I. WE REMEMBER WHO GOD IS

Psalm 78:1-3 – “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.”

1. We have a responsibility to know God and His Word.

Joshua 1:8 – “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Matthew 4:4 – “But he answered, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

II. WE TEACH WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Psalm 78:4-6 – “We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children...”

1. We have a responsibility to tell the next generation Who God is and what He has done.

III. THEY REMEMBER WHO GOD IS

Psalm 78:7-8 - “...so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

1. So that...

- ~ Hope – Our full confidence can be in God.
- ~ Remembrance – Focusing on Who God is, what He has done, and His Word.
- ~ Obedience – The outworking of faith that has been placed in God.

2. The Next Generation has a responsibility to hold fast to the truth that has been entrusted to them.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in the message?
2. How are you reminding yourself of who God is and what He has done? How can we help remind one another?
3. The greatest spiritual truth that Asaph wanted Israel to share was that they are sinful and God is both gracious and just. How has God continued to communicate this message to us today?
4. Our passion for different things is often contagious. Does this change the way you talk about spiritual things to the younger generation?
5. What are some things that distract us from pouring into the next generation? How can you be more intentional about pouring into the next generation?
6. We all want to see the next generation do better than us. What are some lessons that God has taught you that you have passed on or would love to pass on?
7. How can we encourage the next generation when we see them begin to own their faith?