

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Back To School Weekend

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Why do we do Back to School Weekend every year?

We have a responsibility to each individual who are members of the next generation in our church to share with them who God is and why we worship him. We each have experiences from living life that can help other Christians, especially the young ones in all of our youth groups from toddlers to college age. Those experiences can help us show them who God is.

The world is a broken place and if we want to change the world we must direct our efforts toward the next generation. We can share our experience of our weakness to speak into the lives of the next generation.

Pastor Chase

The next generation is hungry for God, and they are not looking to be baby sat. God speaks to us and in some capacity challenges us in areas where we may not be comfortable or clear about what we are to do.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (**Genesis 12:1-3 NIV**)

Two things that God does not guarantee:

1. Comfort – When God calls us to go, he more than likely will move you out of your comfort zone.
2. Clarity – When God speaks we need to listen for clarity. When God spoke to Abram. All God gave him was the general direction. So many times we delay making a move waiting for clarity, but when God asks we can move forward and receive clarity as we progress.

Do not delay responding to God's wants you to move forward, but trust that his plan will come together for you and His guidance will become clear as you move forward with what he has asked you to do. Have faith that God will move after you have taken the first step and He will meet you to show you the fruit of your move as he directs you.

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Pastor Beth

Isaac – An example of how we are to bridge the next generation.

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Isaac followed in his father’s footsteps and dug more wells to provide water for future generations. It is our responsibility to follow Isaac’s example.

We need to ask ourselves: Do we trust Jesus enough to dig new wells to provide for the next generation coming behind us? We need to invest in the coming generation.

Pastor Wesley

Jacob and Esau – Face your Fears

Jacob had experienced failures in his life in regards to Esau that caused him to have insecurities and made him want to flee from his brother Esau. Jacob was still afraid of Esau and what Jacob did not know is that his brother had forgiven him.

But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. (**Genesis 33:4 NIV**)

The failure that we have in our life can provide a testimony for us to speak into individuals of the next generation that can affect them for the rest of their lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was God talking to you during the sermons? What did he say to you?
2. Do you think that you can make a difference in another individual’s life by sharing your experiences, failures, and outcomes with others?
3. How many times has God spoken to you to step out and somehow something has always gotten in the way?
4. What can you do today that will support what the church needs in bring up the next generation of leaders?