

Sermon: Reaching the Next Generation

Series: It's All About the Gospel

Scripture: Psalm 78:4-7

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Because the next generation matters to God, we must _____ them.

Psalm 78:4–7 ESV

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, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Psalm 78:4 ESV

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Judges 2:10–12 ESV

And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from

among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger.

They made the mistake of going from believing to assuming.

A “worldview” is the foundational, core perspective from which you see the world.

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

1. A God exists who created & ordered the world, and He watches over human life on earth.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one’s life, except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

Moral Relativism is the idea that people’s perspectives on truth change based on what society or individuals think is right or wrong at a given time in history.

1. Because the next generation matters to God, we must _____ them about Jesus.

Psalm 78:4 ESV

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.

2. Because the next generation matters to God, we must _____ them about Jesus.

Psalm 78:5–6 ESV

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,

Psalm 78:7 ESV

so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Only 4% of those in Gen Z are growing up with a biblical worldview.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 ESV

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Corrective Discipline & Formative Instruction

Deuteronomy 6:7 ESV

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

1 Timothy 4:12 ESV

12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Expect that God will use you for His glory.