

“Leaving a Legacy for the Next Generations”

Notes of Session 1

Every Christian has a Biblical call to be *inter-generational* in involvement and impact.

Parents and grandparents tend to “shop-out” the spiritual development and responsibilities for their kids and grandkids to professional youth workers (22-35 year olds). However, we are the ones to be the over-shepherds of their souls.

In Brent’s experience as a youth pastor at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas (grandmother church to All Saints), the oldest volunteers were the best and most impactful. This was, in part, because they had greater wisdom, money, and time.

One couple at PCPC (the Geyers) disciplined the same class from 1st thru 12th grade.

Larry McCall’s book on grandparenting is a good resource—*Grandparenting with Grace: Living the Gospel with the Next Generation*.

We are called to be a “*next-generational*” person because of our covenantal God.

Consider Psalm 145—

- ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to the children of man your^[b] mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Multi-generational worship is a powerful testimony to the next generations.

Consider the importance of discipleship from generation to generation...

2 Timothy 2.1-7—

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 1.5 –

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Paul follows in the discipleship work of Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice.

Don't underestimate the discipleship impact you can have in children and grandchildren.

Don't use God's Word to control your kids/grandkids—show your love for God's Word.

Show concern, care, brokenness, and change to your kids and grandkids.

Show your love for prayer (on your knees) to your kids and grandkids.

Ask forgiveness from your kids and grandkids for your shortcomings and make amends.

We can be a non-threatening voice to pass on the Sacred Writings.

God's Covenants with Us: Adam Noah Abraham Moses David New

Our loving, covenant-keeping God is a basis for our assurance of eternal life.

In baptism—"you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever"

There's a sense in which it does take a village to raise children, and we're part of that village.

More take-aways and practical suggestions—

- Quantity time over (or in order to get) quality time.
- Ask: What do you like?
- Say: I love you, I'm thinking about you, and praying for you.
- Say: Tell me what's going on.

[Session 2 Talk is recorded in full]