



This Is How We Do It - Week 3 **August 24-25, 2019 | Todd Clark**

This weekend, Pastor Todd unpacks what it means to live with our "Next Gen" in mind!

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Talk about what generation that you're part of - maybe you're a Baby Boomer or a Millennial. Discuss with your group what is unique about your generation, and compare your generation to the generations before and after yours.
2. Talk about a time that your parents sat you down to have "The Talk." Maybe it was about *the Birds and the Bees*. Share how you felt during that conversation. How did your parents handle it?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. We are in this together.
2. Enjoy the journey.
3. Don't stop believing.
4. These are all just phases. Don't miss them!

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Psalm 90:12

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that struck you. What made it resonate with you?
2. When you think back to your younger years, which phase of childhood was your favorite? How come? Also talk about which phase was most challenging for you. What made it hard for you?
3. Open up to Judges 2:10-12. Before you read, here's a little context... Israel had ongoing seasons where they would abandon God and forget all that He had done for them. When a generation of Israel would abandon God, the next generation never heard stories of Him (like when He rescued them from Egypt). With that in mind, go ahead and read Judges 2:10-12. Read slowly and out loud, if possible.
4. Talk about a time in your life when you felt a little bit like the nation of Israel in the passage we just read. Maybe it was a time you found yourself walking away from God, or maybe just forgetting about Him altogether. Share with your group what that time of your life looked like.
5. Judges 2:10 tells us that because of one generation's abandonment of God, the next generation grew up not knowing Him. The same thing can happen today. Share with your group the effect your parents had on your understanding of God growing up. Do you think God was the foundation of your family? Talk about what that looked like.
6. Now that you've taken some time to process your faith influence growing up, think about the person you have most admired the faith of. Who is your "Christian Role Model", so to speak? Why is that the person that comes to mind for you?
7. Sometimes we can forget that we also have great influence in the lives of those around us. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Whether you have kids or not, why do you think it's important to live with our "Next Gen" in mind?
8. Sometimes we talk about the Five Rhythms of a healthy and balanced small group (Acts 2:42-47). They are: Connect, Grow, Share, Pray and Serve. One way for us to serve is by pouring into our Next Gen. Talk about a way you yourself, or your group as a whole,

could step up this month and step into the next generation. Maybe it's serving together one weekend in a Kids Ministry. As a group, think about some ways you could be influencers to our Next Gen.

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for being part of every single day of our lives. Even when we don't see you moving in the moment, we know and believe that you are working. As you transform us to look more like Jesus, we pray that you would begin to transform the world around us. Help us remember all that you have done so that all generations might come to know who you are.

Amen.