

Summer at New Heights
Leading the Next Generation
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Luke 2:52 "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."

Wisdom: intellectually - guard our minds

Stature: physically develop character through disciplines

Favor with God: spiritually, discover your purpose

Favor with man: socially, choose your friends carefully

What do they want?

- Conversation over Information
- Hard Truths over Easy Answers
- Relationships over Religion

Nehemiah 4:14 "After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.'"

Titus 2:4-7 "These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God. In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching."

3 Things Jesus Did to Reach the Next Generation:

1.) Jesus came down to others. He didn't expect others to come up to his level.

Philippians 2:6-7 "Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form."

2.) Jesus didn't lecture. He loved.

John 8:10-11 "Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, 'Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?' 'No, Lord,' she said. And Jesus said, 'Neither do I. Go and sin no more.'"

3.) Jesus prepared the way for the church after his departure.

John 21:15-17 "After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

Walk Away: Invest, love, and train the next generation because they are next!