Connect Series Multi-Generational Connections Beck Payne-Associate Pastor August 28th, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-13 (ESV)

Four Thoughts about Generations

#1 There must never be a "generational gap" when it comes to passing the baton of faith to the next generation.

#2 We can't just live in the *now* without giving any thought to the *then*.

#3 The current generation affects the next generation.

#4 Generational faithfulness matters to God.

The Biblical Significance of the Next Generation

Scripture: Judges 2:6-15 (ESV)

Joshua's generation faithfully followed the Lord.

The next generation foolishly forgot the Lord.

There was a "generational gap" of faith.

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-8 (ESV)

We need to constantly and consistently have the next generation at the forefront of our minds.

Passing the baton of faith to the next generation...

- through stories
- through eternal truths
- through the knowledge of God
- through lessons learned

Faith is passed to the next generation primarily through the family.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:4-9 (ESV)

Multi-Generational Connections are a necessity in the continuation of the faith.

Scripture: Titus 2:1-8 (ESV)

Thinking generationally should compel us to live faithfully.

Thinking generationally should remind us of our responsibility.

Thinking generationally should compel us to invest...

- intentionally
- Relationally
- Sacrificially
- Spiritually
- Financially

There is a spiritual battle waging war for the souls of the next generation; therefore, thinking generationally should compel us to fight passionately.

If we fail to do so, our generation will serve in the next generation's...

- Ignorance
- Unbelief
- Destruction

However, if we are faithful, our generation can serve in the next generation's victory!