



Generational-Focused Equipping

OUR ESSENTIALS: Generational-Focused Equipping

Summary:

As long as there is breath in the body there is work to be done in the body of Christ. Every member of the church has a role to fulfill in the working of the church. Everyone is encouraged to use their gifting to serve one another in their service to the Lord! Among the ongoing challenges facing church leaders is the alignment and equipping of church members. Targeted information and effective training equips members in what to do and how to do it. Without proper alignment, church members might be doing the right thing but in the wrong place or at the wrong time. Equipping is centered in the fulfillment of the mission of the church as members of all ages are equipped and engaged in the work! Every age group cannot do every ministry related task, but all ages contribute to the effective and efficient working of the church.

Our Essential Values determine priorities in our ministries and shape our culture.

Generational-Focused Equipping - Insuring that every generation is being equipped.

How can every generation contribute to the mission?

Everyone, Everyday, Everywhere - Equipped and Engaged

***1** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3** eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **11** And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. **15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

Ephesians 4:1-3, 11-16

1. Not Everyone has the Same Gift!

*11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*

Ephesians 4:11-12

- Lead - Challenge - Witness - Care - Instruct

S. H. A. P. E.

- Avoid comparisons ~ Use what you've been given
- Serving where you are *needed* ~ Serving where you are *gifted*

12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4

2. Be Equipped

“Everyone can use their gifts to equip others to do what they do!

Equipping is teaching others to do what you do!

Everyone teaches you something. Some teach you what to do and others teach you what not to do.” ~ Hilda Charlton

1. I do the task.
2. You and I do the task together.
3. You do the task and I give feedback.
4. You do the task.

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:15-16

3. Build Up the Body of Christ

- Every member of the body of Christ has a gift and must be equipped to use their gift in the body of Christ.

Text “GIFT” to 228-265-5020

OUR ESSENTIALS:

Worship ~ Unity ~ Truth ~ Acceptance ~ Service ~ Equipping

OUR MISSION

Amplifying Hope Across the Coast by Connecting People to Life in Jesus.

Life Application Sermon Guide

1. Discuss serving opportunities in the church. Text SERVE to 228-265-5020 then hit the Serving Opportunities Link
2. What serving needs in our church or other churches are not being met? Do you know someone who might begin to serve in that area? Are you that person?
3. Name someone who commits time, energy and resources to serve in the church. What stands out about them? Are you serving in similar ways with similar impact/results? Where? How? Why not?
4. Have you been equipped to serve in the church? Describe your training and those who led it.
5. Have you been involved in equipping others? Outside the church? Inside the church? Describe your experiences.
6. What might be done at First Baptist to improve equipping for all generations? How do you think these improvements might impact those being equipped? How might it impact the church?
7. Take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Text “gift” to 228-365-5020. Discuss your results with others.

Verses to Remember: Ephesians 4:16-17

Point to Ponder: Being properly equipped to serve is vital to the effective and efficient mission and subsequent growth of the church

Put Into Practice: Serve in the church, equipping others to serve alongside you.

Website to Visit: <https://fbcgulfport.org/serve>

Playlist: Great is Thy Faithfulness <https://youtu.be/ErwiBz1QA4o>