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## **Next Gen Weekend**

Matthew 19:13-15

1 Timothy 4:12

Ecclesiastes 11:9, 12:1

At Salem our purpose is to Love God and Love People, and we're on a mission with God to Impact the City and Change the World by Making Disciples and Multiplying Churches.

**Main Idea:** As followers of Christ we are called to make disciples from generation to generation.

### **Discipleship with Kids - SalemKIDS Team**

*Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away. **Matthew 19:13-15***

The same story is recounted in Mark, but in this passage after the disciples rebuked the parents it says: *"But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant" (angry, he was frustrated that the disciples were missing the mark!) and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." **Mark 10:14-15***

You can't help but be drawn closer to Jesus when you see Him through a child's eyes.

### **Discipleship with Students - SalemSTUDENTS Team**

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*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." **1 Timothy 4:12***

#### **Set the example in speech:**

*"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." **Proverbs 15:1***

#### **Set the example in conduct:**

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." **Ephesians 4:32***

*"And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." **Luke 6:31***

#### **Set the example in love:**

*"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant." **1 Corinthians 13:4***

#### **Set the example in faith:**

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." **Proverbs 3:5-6***

#### **Set the example in purity:**

*"So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." **2 Timothy 2:22***

Each generation has a role in making disciples:

*"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. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." **2 Timothy 1:5-7***

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### **Discipleship for Young Adults and all of us - Lead Pastors**

*"Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment...Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'" **Ecclesiastes 11:9, 12:1***

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*"Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes."*

Life is filled with good things! God made so many things for us to enjoy! He says go live! But then comes the other part of wisdom:

*“But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment...”*

**Not a bait and switch** - Not a trick here.

**Not condemnation** - In Christ we are totally forgiven.

**An important reminder** - He is reminding us that your life is a gift meant to be stewarded. You have a purpose!

*“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’”*

There will come a day when you’ll look at certain experiences and choices and say *“I have no pleasure in them.”* Don’t wait until that day to decide what you want your life to be about. Who will you live for today? Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.

*“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”* **Psalm 90:12**

We are here to love God and love people, and we are on mission to make disciples and multiply churches, to leave a lasting impact on our city and our world. **So let’s live for Jesus today and bring others with us from every generation!**

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*“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* **John 14:6**

**Begin your journey with Jesus today.**

**Sources and Further Reading Opportunities:**

- *The Jesus Storybook Bible* – Sally Lloyd-Jones (2007)
- *The Bible Exposition Commentary* – Warren Wiersbe (1996)
- *ESV Study Bible* – Crossway (2008)
- *CSB Study Bible* – Trevin Wax, Ed. (2017)
- *Exalting Jesus in Ecclesiastes* – Daniel Akin & Jonathan Akin (2016)