

Growing Young

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Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Bottom Line: Churches that are Growing Young breathe life into every generation by shaping their culture through six essential commitments.

Renegotiating Faith Report 2018

"For most emerging adults, simply to accept what their parents have taught them about religion and carry on the same religious tradition would represent a kind of failure, and abdication of their responsibility to think for themselves"

Six Essentials

1. Keychain Leadership
2. Empathize with today's young people
3. Take Jesus' message seriously
4. Fuel a warm community
5. Prioritize everywhere
6. Be the best neighbours

Next Steps

1. Who are the young people in your life? Try to attach names and faces to this series
2. Complete the assessment:
<http://www.oursurvey.church/WMBC>

LISTENING

1. What is a favourite memory from your young adult years?
2. What is one thing you'd like to go back and tell yourself?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the six essentials that were introduced resonated most strongly with you as an important way that churches engage young people?
2. Which of the "10 Things Churches don't need in order to grow young" have we tended to believe in WMBC?
 1. A precise size – you don't need to be small or big
 2. A trendy location or region
 3. An exact age
 4. A popular denomination, or lack of one
 5. An off-the-charts cool quotient
 6. A big, modern building
 7. A big budget
 8. A "contemporary" worship service
 9. A watered-down teaching style
 10. A hyper-entertaining ministry program

HUDDLE UP

Break into groups of 3-5 and discuss the following questions together.

1. How can our small group help our kids stay connected to Jesus and his church?
2. Who are some young people we can pray for and encourage?