

Nurturing - Family on Mission

Biblical definition of generation: *Dohr*: a lineage of people/age grouping, or *habitation and presence*

There is something distinct in every generation! To habitate and have a presence means there is a opportunity to host the spirit of God uniquely - different than the generation before and after

Psalm 78:8 (ESV)

and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Acts 2:40 (ESV)

And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

Acts 2:17-18

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."

At the same time two generations are living alongside one another - the 1 that is aligned with what God is doing, and the other that is not aligned with God

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NASB)

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Time in this verse is not chronological time, but instead it is *Kairos*: a special moment, opportune moment, perfect moment

May we be a generation that recognizes evil, but partners with the Holy Spirit in what He is doing!

It's TIME for the church to rise up and find our prophetic voice in this cultural moment.

We need to see ourselves in comparison to Jesus, not just contrast to the culture.

We need to be the right kind of light, a prophetic light able to see underneath the fog and shine light to give clarity to navigate through the fog.

Prophecy: To foretell and forth tell. To speak of future events that will take place. To give spiritual insight and make sense of a specific moment.

We need the prophetic voice of each age generation within our cultural generation!

You will never have a *prophetic* voice with a *profanity* lifestyle.

Profanity: “Against the temple” or an unholy lifestyle that stands in opposition or against the purposes of God

Prophetic generations raise up hope voices in a chaos culture.

Revelation 19:10 (ESV)

Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

We need the heart of God to speak the voice of God!

Idols are in the business of stealing hearts and stealing hopes.
Idols *pervert* What God Intended to *provide*.

We need to see ourselves in comparison to Jesus, not just contrast to the culture.

We can look opposite from culture and not look like Jesus - we need to intentionally live our life like Jesus and trust that others will see that we are living differently than culture!

Our encouragement for you this week is to pray and ask God to give you a prophetic heart and voice! A prophetic heart for our world, and for the people who are in your world. Ask Him to give you the discernment to know when He is asking you to step out and share with someone, and the courage to do that!

As a small group, spend time listening to God for one another and share what you hear God say. Share with boldness and humility. We often precede our sharing with the following... ‘I am hearing God say’..., or ‘God is giving me a picture’ - ‘does this mean anything to you?’.

Pray the following Blessing over everyone individually in your group!
Maybe break out into groups of two to pray over each other.

Prayer of Blessing:

May our God bless you today
and each day that follows.
May you hear His voice
Follow His footsteps
Be comforted by His care
And live in His grace
Now and forever.
Amen.