

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

INDIVIDUAL - How resilient is your faith? Are there any idols you need to eradicate from your life?

FAMILY - How can you grow together into a resilient faith in today's cultural context? Is there anything you need to root out of your home or family structure that is taking God's rightful place? What other adults are in your child's life that they would like to go to when they have questions? Choose a book of the bible to read together - YouVersion plans/Bible Project - it doesn't have to be a long time, just intentional!

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GROUPS - Pursue resiliency together - talk through the individual questions. Would your faith be resilient enough with your current discipleship rhythms for you to thrive as a christian if you were transported into being a teenager in today's culture?

PRAY - That our younger generation would have hearts fully surrendered to Jesus. That our kids would have a resilient faith that helps them stand against the lies of this cultural moment. Pray for families to have the strength and courage to be different, set apart, in the world but not of the world. If you don't feel a compassion for the next generation, ask God to increase that in you.

NURTURING FAMILY ON MISSION



Raising Resilient Disciples



A family that serves God by being on His mission, changing the lives they touch as well as their own. As families pray together, discuss God's Word together, serve together and love a broken world together it empowers them to live out their faith and rhythms side by side.



DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

1.2 million young people left the church last year.

This isn't a youth group problem.

This is a church problem.

We need to build up resilient disciples.

DANIEL 1:8 CSB

Daniel determined that he would not defile himself with the king's food or with the wine he drank.



DANIEL 3:16-18 CSB

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to the king, "Nebuchadnezzar, we don't need to give you an answer to this question. If the God we serve exists, then he can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he can rescue us from the power of you, the king. But even if he does not rescue us, we want you as king to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up."

2 KINGS 23:1-3 CSB

So the king sent messengers, and they gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. Then the king went to the Lord's temple with all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, as well as the priests and the prophets - all the people from the youngest to the oldest. He read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the LORD's temple. Next, the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant in the LORD's presence to follow the LORD and to keep his commands, his decrees, and his statutes with all his heart and with all his soul in order to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book; all the people agreed to the covenant.

We need to go back and find the Word of God in our hearts and in our families.



2 KINGS 23:24-25 CSB

In addition, Josiah eradicated the mediums, the spiritists, household idols, images, and all the abhorrent things that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem. He did this in order to carry out the words of the law that were written in the book that the priest Hilkiah found in the LORD's temple. Before him there was no king like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength according to all the law of Moses, and no one like him arose after him.

We cannot change our circumstances, we can only root ourselves and raise up resilient disciples who can stand the test of Babylon.

What our young people are up against

Gen Z Cultural Moment:

First Post Christian Generation

“If I brought up my faith to friends at school it would instantly get rejected”

“Talking about faith with friends can be scary because they may reject us and then we will feel alone”

“I think it’s ok to talk about your faith, but only at certain times and places, and it can also be really hard and scary”

My friends asked me what I was doing this Sunday and I accidentally let it slip that I was going to youth group, and I was worried that they would judge me for being a Christian”

Generation that struggles with mental illness

**Digital Generation
Smart Phones & Social Media**

Generation that is questioning their sexuality and/or gender identity the most

Teenage Brain

If you were to take your current discipleship rhythms and be transplanted into today's teenage world, would you be able to thrive as a Christian?



How do we get today's teenagers to be resilient disciples?

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MATTHEW 22:37 CSB

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 CSB

“Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:10-12 CSB

“When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would give you - a land with large beautiful cities that you did not build, houses full of every good thing that you did not fill them with, cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant - and when you eat and are satisfied, be careful not to forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.”



Grace Chapel Family:

The LORD our God, the LORD is one. We will Love the LORD our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. These words are to be in our hearts. We will repeat them to our children. Talk about them when we sit in our homes and when we go from place to place, when we lie down and when we get up. Let us be reminded daily of the Lord's love for us. And let our homes and Grace Chapel be places that are known for hosting God's presence.

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