



# you asked for it.



## Intergenerational Discipleship

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*"'multigenerational' reflects the generational characteristics while 'intergenerational' is a reflection of the exchanges between the generations and the impact of mutual influences among the generations"*

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*"The church is never more than one generation away from extinction; All it would take is for a single generation not to hand the word of God on."*

**TOM WRIGHT**

*After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. They forsook the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them...*

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Every generation needs ears to hear and eyes to see.

## **I. EARS TO HEAR - NEED A MESSAGE.**

*O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past— stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.*

**PSALM 78: 1-7 (NLT)**

### **What God CAN DO**

We must tell all generations of God's ability to make all things new.

### **What God HAS DONE**

We must tell all generations of all God has done to be in a relationship with us.

### **What God HAS SAID**

We must tell all generations that God has spoken and still speaks.

**QUESTION: What would your life look like if no one ever shared God's story with you?**

## **II. EYES TO SEE - NEED A M O D E L .**

### **1 Be A C C E S S I B L E**

*"...The Western Church has been trying to do discipleship through curriculum for years and years. We've come up with some of the best, most exciting, innovative, gorgeously designed discipleship curriculum ever seen in human history. It's great stuff! But did Jesus do discipleship this way? No. He didn't do discipleship through information alone; He coupled it with access to his life so his disciples could imitate him. That's the way of Jesus. We live into that by giving others access to our life and offering ourselves as a living, breathing example to imitate."*

**MIKE BEEN**

To be accessible, you have to be **H U M B L E** .

*All of you young people should obey your elders. In fact, everyone should be humble toward everyone else. The Scriptures say, "God opposes proud people, but he helps everyone who is humble." Be humble in the presence of God's mighty power, and he will honor you when the time comes.*

**1 PETER 5:5-6 (CEV)**

### **2 Be A C T I V E**

We must be **M O D E L E D** by Jesus to be a model of Jesus.

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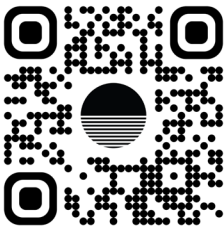
**PSALM 78:7 (NLT)**

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## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Pastor Chris talked this weekend about the importance of sharing the message of Jesus with other generations. What would your life look like today if you had never been told of that message.
- 2 Read 1 Peter 5:5-6. In your own words, how does humility help the process mentioned in this passage? What would the response be on either side without humility?
- 3 Who has been a model for Christ in your life? What are some of the defining characteristics that have made them a model for you?
- 4 When it comes to being “Active” for Jesus, what are the areas in your own life that you feel you are really engaged with? What areas might you want to consider leaning more into?
- 5 How can we be praying for you?



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## Upcoming Events

- 08.13 | Newcomer Meet & Greet  
Blood Drive at Lakeside
- 08.14 | Grand Monday Nights
- 08.18 | Illuminate Women's Event
- 08.20 | Mission Trip Information Meeting
- 08.23 | Membership Dinner