

The Next Generation over My Generation

Core 10: Week Two

I. Our Core Value

The Next _____ over _____ Generation

We value investing in those who will come behind. We seek to mobilize every generation to invest in children and youth to help raise them in the faith and give them a solid spiritual foundation.

II. Our Scriptural Mandate

Psalm 78:1-8

- ¹ My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
- ³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
- ⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.
- ⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
- ⁶ so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
- ⁷ Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.
- ⁸ They would not be like their ancestors—
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
whose hearts were not loyal to God,
whose spirits were not faithful to him.

2 Timothy 2:1-2

¹ You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

The Bottom Line

_____ the _____ to _____ in the next generation

...by living out your _____.

...by prayerfully considering how God would have you _____:

*Your child? Grandchild? A child or teen to whom you are not related?
Someone not a child but in a generation younger than you? In a ministry of
the church, such as: nursery? Children's church? MUMS? AWANA? Youth
Group? Or something else:*

Grace Bible Chapel Core Values

Grace over Judgment

We value extending God's mercy to those around us, forgiving, restoring, and welcoming. While there is a place for discernment and critique, even this must be done in a spirit of gentleness and love.

Bible over Opinion

We value learning what God has revealed to us in the Bible, our highest authority in life. We seek to rightly understand and obey God's message to us in this time, and to speak with great conviction where the Bible is clear and with caution where the Bible is less clear.

Worship over Self

We value elevating God to first place in our affections and living a life that honors him. We express our love for God together on Sunday mornings, but we also strive to fill each day with a focus on God instead of a preoccupation with ourselves.

Transformation over Stagnation

We value a continual process of discipleship, where we all strive together to be more like Christ and to not be satisfied with the same old us. We seek to grow together in personal spirituality, as well as in obedience to all Christ has commanded us.

We over Me

We value the community of life shared together with other believers. We strive to develop close relationships with other Christians to share in all the struggles and joys of a life lived in service to Christ.

Giving over Getting

We value sacrificial generosity in making use of the resources God has entrusted to us. We seek to leverage our time, finances, and skills to provide for others when they are in need and to make opportunities for the message of Christ.

Participating over Spectating

We value the active ministry involvement of all those who are part of our church. We aim for everyone to discover and employ their gifts to serve Christ both within our church in the community.

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Mission over Comfort

We value engaging in Christ's mission to make disciples of all nations, a command which means our concern is not just Grand Rapids, but the world. We seek to continue our legacy of strong missionary service and support, joining in the work of God all around the world.

Outward over Inward

We value serving our community in areas of need, aligning our church as a whole with the posture of Christ who came not to be served but to serve. We desire to bless Grand Rapids by our presence and to take the message of Christ outside of our doors and into the community.