

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

- Describe your favorite childhood memory.
- Name one thing that you appreciate about the next generation.
- What is one concern you have for the next generation?
- Let's take some time to pray and thank the Lord for his love of every person on earth, young, old and in between. Thank him for being our Father and the strength he gives to us...

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Psalm 78:1-7

- What do you observe in these verses about the past, the present, and the future generations?
- What are some of the things we are told to "tell"?
- Who is the psalmist addressing in verses 1-4?



- What are some of the reasons for passing on truth to the next generation? (vv. 5-7)

Chris stated that "The greatest gift we can give to our city, state, country and world is the next generation of Christ followers."

- What are some of the reasons why this is important?
- In what ways is this a "body of Christ" calling and not just a "parent" issue?

Christ stated that New City Church has four distinctives that guide the direction of our NextGen ministry:

1. Start with Jesus
2. Provide another Person of Influence
3. Create Magnetic Moments
4. Send them ready

- When you read these four distinctives, which one resonates with your heart?
- What are some of the reasons why all four are important?
- What are some of the things that are at stake if we do not invest in the next generation?
- Stop and thank the Lord for those who are on the front lines of guiding the next generation. Thank the Lord for the parents, grandparents, relatives, church staff, volunteers, neighbors, church members who are willing and available to engage with our next generation and pray for and over them.

APPLICATION

- In what ways can you embrace, support, engage, pray for, give to, and cheer on the distinctives that frame the energy and calling of our NextGen Ministries to raise up the next generation.
- If you are a parent, what are some of the ways you could better partner with the NextGen Ministries to raise up the next generation of Christ followers?
 - What are some of the things that might be getting in the way of "passing on" the truth of our faith to our children? What might need to shift or change in order for this to become more of a priority?
- If you are not a parent, in what ways can you support, encourage, engage and pray for parents? How can we best pray and support the NextGen



Ministries as they partner with parents to raise up a generation of Christ followers who love Jesus, learn about walking with Christ, experience life-changing moments, and go out into the world bringing gospel renewal to our city and world?