

CONNECT GROUP NOTES

# A GENERATIONAL — KINGDOM — AND OUR PART



Encourage the group to take turns reading and answering questions. It is best to ask the questions as they appear instead of waiting till the end

**TOPIC :A Generational Kingdom and our part**

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**TIME TO PONDER:**

In the light of *Revelation Readiness* we are going to look a bit deeper into our roles and make sure we are ready and busy preparing the next generation.

Today we are going to work out how we fit into the big picture and pass on the baton to the generation to come.

God's desire is to have a relationship with us. Even in the face of sin entering the world. God made a way to still cover our shame and connect with us. God's plan is our redemption through the Cross and restoration through relationship with Him.

Our job as his chosen people is to help reconcile others to God. To carry on the job Jesus began in His death for our salvation.

*John 3:16*

*16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

*For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

God's plan is: Building his Church, saving people, going after them, maturing them, making them Holy, bringing truth, equipping, pastoring and sending.

**Question 1: Are you prepared to avail yourself to God's plan for your life to carry on God's purposes here on earth through you?**

## TIME TO REFLECT:

### *Matthew 28:19-20*

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.<sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

This is what we have been commissioned to do - to go and make disciples of all nations.

God has a pattern to his plan to reach all nations and it's through us. We may not see the fullness of the nations being reached. But we can make sure those who are next carry

the same flame. Like Abraham to Isaac,  
Moses to Joshua and Jesus to His disciples.  
One generation at a time.

God's plan is so much bigger than you and  
me. It involves the world. But we have to play  
our part and hand over what we have learnt  
to the next generation.

## **Why do young people need us?**

They want to belong. They want someone to  
follow. They need a purpose.

### **1 Peter 5:8**

**Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy,  
the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion,  
looking for someone to devour**

As we see in the wild, lions always attack the young and weak. It is the same in the spiritual realm. Satan looks for the weakest area and attacks there. This is often our influenceable youth. Don't let the world set the culture for our young people. We need to be there to set Kingdom culture. We only have a short time with them. Let's make sure we use it to the fullest.

This generation is hungry for something real and authentic. They want to make a difference. Let's make sure we set a positive example for them.

- If we don't lead them, the world will.
- If we don't accept them, the world will.
- If we don't set the culture, the world will.

- If we don't show them God's kingdom, they will settle for the world's.
- If we don't use their talent, the world will.

**Question 2: Who do you have that you interact with that you can help in setting a Kingdom culture in?**

**TIME TO DISCUSS:**

*Judges 2:10-12*

*After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel. 11 The Israelites did evil in the LORD's sight and served the images of Baal. 12 They abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of*



*Egypt. They went after other gods,  
worshipping the gods of the people around  
them. And they angered the LORD.*

Let us not be like Joshua who failed to pass on the baton to the next generation.

We need to remember young people are radical. We need to harness that energy to make a difference in the world today. When they genuinely catch the heart of God they have the potential to make a lasting difference.

We need to stay connected to the struggles of our young people, so that we can help them through these struggles. We need to stay relevant to the next generation.

## So what now?

*1 Cor 11:1*

*And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.*

- Are we living lives worth being followed?
- Are we showing real Christianity? Are people able to taste the goodness of God through you?
- Do our lives look worth sacrificing for?
- Are we paying that price ourselves?
- Are we placing work and free time above God's Kingdom?
- Don't let the good news die with you.
- Pass on your testimonies to someone else.

## *Psalm 71:18*

*Now that I am old and grey, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.*

**Question 3: Examine your life. What proactive steps are you willing to take to make sure that you hand over the baton to the next generation?**

### **ACTION STEP**

Do we value the next generation?

Are you prepared to make the effort?

Are they at our dinner tables?

Are we willing to give up our time to pull them through?

Are we prepared to parent kids that are not our own?

## To the Youth

*Mat 9:37-38*

*He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few.<sup>38</sup> So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."*

You are **"the more workers"** we need.

*1 Tim 4:12*

*Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.*

We need you! You have a purpose and a mission. The only thing worth giving your life for is Jesus and His Kingdom.

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