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## THE GOSPEL AND THE NEXT GENERATION

Psalm 78

### The Situation...

- Percentage of people who profess to be born again Christians who have trusted in Christ alone for salvation:
  - Over 65 years old: \_\_\_\_\_%
  - From 46-64 years old: \_\_\_\_\_%
  - From 34-45 years old: \_\_\_\_\_%
  - From 16-33 years old: \_\_\_\_\_%
- Percentage of high school students who attend church and then leave the church within 4 years of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_%

### The Solution...

- What is NOT the answer...
  - New \_\_\_\_\_.
  - More \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Cooler \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the answer...
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ must be foundational.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ must be strong.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ must be accountable.
    - The family includes non-Christians...
      - But the church includes \_\_\_\_\_ Christians.
    - The family is a temporary institution...
      - But the church is an \_\_\_\_\_ institution.
    - The family has a role in the Great Commission...
      - But the church is \_\_\_\_\_ for the Great Commission.
    - The family has a unique responsibility for children in the home...
      - But the church has a \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for children in the body.
    - The church must strengthen \_\_\_\_\_...
      - To make disciples \_\_\_\_\_ their homes.
      - To make disciples \_\_\_\_\_ their homes.
    - The church must streamline a \_\_\_\_\_...
      - That involves every \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
      - That intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ children and students for the world.
        - We don't want the next generation to \_\_\_\_\_ in the world with the gospel.
        - We want the next generation to \_\_\_\_\_ in the world with the gospel.

### What We Do...

- We \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures.
  - We teach them \_\_\_\_\_ God is.
  - We teach them what God has \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We teach them what God has \_\_\_\_\_.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the stories.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ against sinfulness.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the Savior.
  - God responds to our failures with His \_\_\_\_\_!
  - God responds to our faithlessness with His \_\_\_\_\_!

### What Will Happen...

- They will \_\_\_\_\_ God in their minds.
- They will \_\_\_\_\_ God in their hearts.
- They will \_\_\_\_\_ God in their lives.

### The Bottom Line...

- If we are going to be successful at making disciples of all nations, we must be intentional about making disciples in succeeding \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let's live today so that our \_\_\_\_\_ know, love, and spread the glory of our God.



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### The Situation...

- Percentage of people who profess to be born again Christians who have trusted in Christ alone for salvation:
  - Over 65 years old:**65%**
  - From 46-64 years old:**35%**
  - From 34-45 years old:**15%**
  - From 16-33 years old:**4%**
- Percentage of high school students who attend church and then leave the church within 4 years of graduation:**70%**

### The Solution...

- What is NOT the answer...
  - New **methods**.
  - More **programs**.
  - Cooler **personalities**.
- What is the answer...
  - The **Word** must be foundational.
  - The **family** must be strong.
  - The **church** must be accountable.
    - The family includes non-Christians...
      - But the church includes **only** Christians.
    - The family is a temporary institution...
      - But the church is an **eternal** institution.
    - The family has a role in the Great Commission...
      - But the church is **responsible** for the Great Commission.
    - The family has a unique responsibility for children in the home...
      - But the church has a **shared** responsibility for children in the body.
    - The church must strengthen **parents**...
      - To make disciples **in** their homes.
      - To make disciples **through** their homes.
    - The church must streamline a **process**...
      - That involves every **member** of the church.
      - That intentionally **trains** children and students for the world.
        - We don't want the next generation to **survive** in the world with the gospel.
        - We want the next generation to **thrive** in the world with the gospel.

### What We Do...

- We **teach** the Scriptures.
  - We teach them **who** God is.
  - We teach them what God has **done**.
  - We teach them what God has **said**.
- We **tell** the stories.
- We **warn** against sinfulness.
- We **exalt** the Savior.
  - God responds to our failures with His **forgiveness!**
  - God responds to our faithlessness with His **faithfulness!**

### What Will Happen...

- They will **know** God in their minds.
- They will **trust** God in their hearts.
- They will **obey** God in their lives.

### The Bottom Line...

- If we are going to be successful at making disciples of all nations, we must be intentional about making disciples in succeeding **generations**.
- Let's live today so that our **great grandchildren** know, love, and spread the glory of our God.