

“Church Should Have Four Generations”

Psalms 78:1-8, Judges 2:7-10 ESV

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I. A ONE-GENERATION CHURCH

A. A FAITHFUL Generation

Judges 2:7 “And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel.”

B. The Race Of Faith Is A RELAY

Judges 2:10 “And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.”

Psalms 78:8 “... they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

II. A MULTI-GENERATIONAL CHURCH

Psalms 78:3-4, “but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

A. Creating A Legacy Of FAITH & HOPE

Psalms 78:4, 7a “tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD... so that they should set their hope in God...”

2 Timothy 1:5 “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”

B. Creating A Legacy Of LEARNING

Psalms 78:4, 7b “tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD...to not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;”

Deuteronomy 4:10 the LORD said to me, “Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. Continue the Conversation:** Discuss with family and friends today who helped pass the Christian Faith on to you. And/or – What generational barriers do you think appear in our church life?
- 2. Put It Into Practice:** Ask the Lord to reveal someone from a different generation than you whom you can pray for this week, and reach out to them, letting them know you are praying for them, in person or through a text, card, or phone call.