



MAKING ROOM FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Sermon Notes

Text: Judges 2:6-10; Acts 17:16-34; Mark 2:13-17

Intro: Meet Generation Z

- Born between 1995-2010
- Influenced by rapid changes in technology, sexuality, family and gender.
- Largest “religious” group is “None”.

Judges 2:6-10

There are *barriers* that we can tear down to make room for the next generation:

1. The Curse of Knowledge

The Curse of Knowledge - The assumption that we are communicating because we have inside information.

Acts 2 vs. Acts 17 approaches. Speak in a language that culture understands.

Explanation is the new evangelism.

2. Fear of Rejection

Invitation actually works. Fear holds us back from putting ourselves out there.

In Acts 9:26-27 Barnabas took a chance on Saul. Be like Barnabas and take a chance on a young person.

3. Not Letting Go

In order for faith to be real it must be lived. We must let go and train the next generation in areas of responsibility.

“What is the faith of the next generation worth? I say it is worth everything” - Andy Stanley

Conclusion: The Sick Need a Doctor

Mark 2:13-17

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What did you think about the sermon on Sunday? Was there anything that stood out to you, surprised, or challenged you? Especially in regards to Generation Z.

Study & Discussion:

2. Read Judges 2:6-10. What stands out to you from this passage? What were some of the spiritual victories of Joshua's generation. Where do you think that Joshua's generation went wrong in passing on faith? What can we do to not repeat their mistakes?
3. Read Acts 9:19-31. What is remarkable about Barnabas' acceptance of Saul? How can we practically be a "Barnabas" for the next generation? Be specific if you can. Is there a young person that you can invite into your life?
4. Read Mark 2:13-17. Meditate on Jesus' response. How much should church be about "the righteous"? How much should it be about "the unrighteous"? Why do you think that? Do your actions match your answer?

Application:

1. What simple and practical steps will you take *this week* to make room for the next generation?

Prayer:

1. Pray that God would give us his heart for the next generation.
2. Other Requests
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