



"Innovation Hero Makers" Week 8

The Big Idea: By uniting every age and stage of the church body, we can overcome modern cultural battles and intentionally invest in the next generation to build a lasting wall of faith.

Main Scriptures:

Joel 2:28 – Emphasizing the unity of all generations in God's vision: *"Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions."*

Proverbs 22:6 – Focusing on the foundational calling of a hero maker: *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

Matthew 28:19–20 – The Great Commission, highlighting that discipleship applies to every age and stage: *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."*

Romans 12:2 – A call to resist cultural distraction and comparison: *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*

John 14:6 – Reminding the church that truth is found by looking upward, not inward: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."*

I. Introduction: The Vision of Nehemiah Chapter 3

- **The Context of the Series:** Reviewing the 8-week journey through Nehemiah.
- **The Burden Shared:** Nehemiah didn't build the wall alone. It took priests, business owners, men, women, and children working side-by-side.
- **Building a Wall of Faith:** Moving from walls of stone to building a multigenerational foundation through discipleship.

- **Scriptural Grounding:** *Joel 2:28* – A vision where sons, daughters, young men, and old men are united in God’s plan, not separated by generation.

II. Part 1: What Excites You About the Next Generation? (The Dreams)

- **Children’s Ministry (Bailey Nelson):** * Kids are anointed and called *now*, not just when they grow up.
 - Shifting the mindset from "babysitting" to teaching children how to actively hear from God.
- **Youth Ministry (Andy Nelson):** * Watching students shift into "owning" their faith personally.
 - Moving past Sunday-only religion to digging into Scripture, asking hard questions, and applying it daily.
- **Worship Leader (Zach Lord):** * Turning the statistic around: Young adults are moving past the phase of "deconstructing" their faith and are actively *reconstructing* a real, on-fire relationship with Christ.

III. Part 2: What Battles Are They Facing? (The Challenges)

- **The Battle of Busyness:** Families struggling to find schedule margin for daily spiritual rhythms amid sports, clubs, and modern life.
- **The Battle of Identity & Distraction:** A culture telling students to "live their truth" combined with the constant noise of digital consumership.
- **The Battle of Comparison:** Social media acting as a "highlight reel" that traps young adults in feelings of inadequacy and distorted timelines.
- **The Universal Answer:** While David faced giants and Daniel faced lions, every generation faces spiritual battles. The answer remains looking upward to Jesus (*John 14:6, Romans 12:2*), not inward.

IV. Part 3: Strategic & Intentional Investment (The Action)

- **Cultivating Spiritual Disciplines:** Implementing prayer journals and community prayer directly into children's ministry spaces.
- **Bridging the Church Gap:** Intentionally bringing youth into the main service so they learn the rhythms of the church and don't drop out of faith after graduation.
- **Empowering Leadership Pathways:** Giving young adults real leadership skills, safe mentorship, and pastoral accessibility to help them learn how to "adult" faithfully.