MISSION CREEK
Alliance Church

Rising Generations *Series:* To The Church in Kelowna
Text: 1 Timothy 4:11-16

1. Recognizing the Value of Every Generation
Paul tells Timothy, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young" (v. 12).
How might we unintentionally underestimate younger people in the church because of their age or lack of experience? Conversely, how might younger generations overlook the wisdom of older believers? What would it look like to genuinely value both?

2. Leading Through Example
Paul encourages Timothy to set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (v. 12).
Of these five qualities, which do you believe is most important for Christians to model to the next generation today? Which one presents the greatest personal challenge for you, and why?

3. Passing Along a Living Faith
The Christian faith is passed from one generation to another not simply through teaching, but through relationships and everyday life.
Who has had the greatest influence on your spiritual journey, and what did they model that made a lasting impression? How might you intentionally offer that same kind of encouragement to someone younger?

4. Making Room for Emerging Leaders
Paul encourages Timothy to recognize and exercise the spiritual gifts God has given him (v. 14).
What barriers might prevent younger people from discovering and using their gifts in the church? How can we move beyond simply giving younger generations opportunities to participate toward genuinely trusting them with meaningful responsibility?

5. Remaining Spiritually Teachable

Paul tells Timothy to be diligent in his spiritual growth so that others can see his progress (v. 15).

Regardless of our age or how long we have been Christians, why is it sometimes difficult to remain teachable? What might God be inviting you to learn or change during this season of your life?

6. Building a Church Across Generations

The sermon's theme, Rising Generations, challenges us to consider the future of the church.

What do you think younger generations most need from older Christians today? What might older Christians need to learn from younger believers?

7. Taking Personal Responsibility

Paul concludes by urging Timothy to watch his life and doctrine closely and persevere in them (v. 16).

If we genuinely desire to see the next generation develop a strong and enduring faith in Christ, what responsibility belongs to each of us personally? What is one specific action you could take in the coming month to encourage, mentor, pray for, or invest in someone from another generation?

Closing Reflection

Invite each person to identify one younger or older individual they could intentionally encourage or build a relationship with over the next month.

Suggested Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the generations of faithful people who have helped us know and follow Jesus. Forgive us when we allow age, assumptions, or personal preferences to separate us from one another. Give us humility to learn from younger generations, wisdom to encourage them, and courage to make room for their gifts and leadership. Help us to be examples of Christ in our words, actions, love, faith, and purity. May our church be a place where every generation belongs, grows, and serves together for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.