## WHY THE NEXT GENERATION?

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Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

- 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)





- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Thank God for the young people in your life and ask to see the next generation through His eyes.



#### **Engage**

Start the conversation with this question...

What's something you've learned from someone younger than you?

#### **Key Points**

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- How does God see the next generation?
- He calls the next generation. As God called
  Jeremiah and Gideon in their youth, He often
  uses young people to fulfill His purposes.
- He wants to see generations united. In
  Malachi 4:6, God promises to turn the hearts
  of parents to their children and vice versa.
  Like Timothy, whose faith was shaped by his
  mother and grandmother, God's heart is to
  see generations sharing one faith.
- He's a multi-generational God. God calls
  Himself the God of Abraham, Isaac, and
  Jacob (Exodus 3:6), revealing how He works
  across generations.
- As we follow Jesus together, let's believe for families to be reconciled and united—sharing one faith in Him and answering His call together.

### Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- What might it look like to "set an example," even when you're young?
- How can we help bridge the gap between generations in our church or community?
- Have you ever felt too young—or too old to do something for God?
- What are simple ways we can support and listen to the next generation?



### **Key Truth**

God is calling every generation to know Him and serve Him—together.

### Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Thank God for His heart for the next generation. Thank Him for how He calls young people to Himself and gives them a community to help guide them in faith.
- Ask for wisdom to guide the next generation, and humility to learn from them when needed.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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