
A Year in the Word

A Year in the Word: Part 21

Small Group Questions: Setting up the Next Generation

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Read

Psalm 45:16 and 78:4–6

Reflect

Each generation builds on the ones before it (good or bad). Our ceiling is the next generation's floor—it's foundational starting point. Would you be happy if your children never rose above your ceiling? Which of the pillars that help us build faith are strongest for you? Which ones are you neglecting? How might you strengthen them?

Pastor Jon Hohm provides several pillars of faith that can help us support and lift up the next generation:

1. We will either set up or set back future generations.
 - a. What is your vision for the future? What is your reason to get up in the morning? Is it geared more for the short or long-term? Explain.
 - b. What do you want to see the next generation do that yours has not? How might your generation be set in its ways?
 - i. What each generation faces is different. How can you be a builder rather than a critic?
2. To build a faith that lasts, it must be personal.
 - a. Do you have a personal relationship with Christ? Are you satisfied with the quality of it?
 - i. How has this relationship, or lack thereof, affected kids within your sphere of influence?
 - b. Do your actions reflect what you value most? Are you living your walk?
3. To build a faith that lasts, we must prioritize church.
 - a. Are you making church a priority? If not, what specific steps do you need to take to change that?
4. To build a faith that lasts, we need to pass it on.
 - a. Are you passing on biblical faith to another generation? How so?
 - b. What skills and wisdom can you share? How could you be more intentional?
 - i. What time of day or situation could you focus on for teachable moments?
 1. Morning time, travel time, mealtime, or bedtime?
 - c. Are you willing to be a spiritual mentor?
 - d. Who has invested in you? What are some specific things you learned from them?
5. To build a faith that lasts, it must be built on prayer.
 - a. Are you a product of someone's prayers? Explain.
 - b. Our calling is not to build kingdoms, but kings and queens.
 - i. Are you involved in their world, or trying to pull them into yours? Where could you serve?
 - c. Will you take the 1:10:100 challenge? Who will you commit to pray for: 1 day a week, for 10 minutes, for 100 days?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?