



Small Group Questions

Student Takeover: Not on my Watch

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Read

Psalm 78:1 –11 and 90:12; Judges 1:1 and 2: 7–10; and 1 Corinthians 16:13–14

Reflect

When Moses passed away, Joshua was well-positioned and specifically prepared to be his successor. He knew the wondrous things the Lord had done for Israel. Yet once Joshua died, the Israelites began absorbing the culture around them, their values and standards. The next generation did not grow up acknowledging or truly knowing God. Within three generations, so much was lost. So much was forgotten. Psalm 78:7 tells us that each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. The world throws so much at our children. What are you doing to prepare them and to make sure they have the opportunity to know God?

1. Choose to pay attention to this generation.
 - a. Would you say you spent your week focused on what truly mattered most?
 - i. How could you improve?
 - b. Who needs you to pay attention to them?
 - i. How are they showing you that they need you?
 - c. One of Charles Manson's followers said when she was 14, she decided to dedicate herself to "whoever loved me first." Who will you love first? Why is this example so significant?
2. Choose to pass the torch of faith to this generation.
 - a. A generation that forgets the Lord is a generation that can't recognize what or whom they are becoming.
 - b. Do you consider yourself responsible for the next generations? Why or why not?
 - c. Are you willing to share with a younger generation what God has done in your life?
 - i. How is it not just about teaching another generation how to take care of themselves, but providing a living example of what it looks like to have a relationship with God?
 - d. Thinking of your own experiences growing up, what would you want younger generations to know so they could follow in those footsteps, or avoid?
 - e. How are you involved in the lives of today's youth?
 - i. What have been your most successful teachable moments?
 - ii. Are you setting aside time (or allowing interruptions) for meaningful conversations?
 - iii. Are you volunteering and serving in ways that you would want younger generations to emulate?
3. Choose to fight for this generation's faith.
 - a. Someone else's eternity hangs in the balance of our obedience.
 - b. Obedience changes generations.
 - i. Do you feel an urgency to fight for the next generation? Explain.
 - ii. The enemy is fighting for control over the next generation. How will you help prevent it?
 - iii. What part might God be asking you to play in shaping the generations to come?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?