

IMAGINE...

Small Group Questions Part 6: Imagine The Future

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Read

Psalm 22:30, 78:4, and 145:4; Matthew 16:18; and 1 Chronicles 29:13–17

Reflect

In 1 Chronicles 29:16–17, David asks his people for gifts to help build the temple where they can worship. Praying to God, he says “...everything has come from you; everything belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test people’s hearts. You are happy when people do what is right. I was happy to give all these things, and I gave with an honest heart...” Even David—a king—views himself as a steward for God. He knows that all he has, was given to him by God. When we give with thanksgiving, it becomes a form of worship. We will hit roadblocks and challenges, but what we do today—what we focus on and invest in—determines the future we will help create. How willing are you to take risks to support the generation next in line to continue building God’s Kingdom?

Pastor Greg and Jon Hohm highlight three of our beliefs at Seacoast:

1. The Church is the hope of the world.
 - a. Do you believe the church is the hope of the world? Why or why not?
 - b. What are some things that people put their hope in other than God and his church?
 - i. Why can’t government, career, your friends, etc. be the hope of the world?
 - c. Think back several years. In what ways have your values changed?
 - d. What actions have you taken lately that reveal what you believe?
 - e. Over the next week, identify what you focus on the most.
 - i. Are your thoughts and actions aligned with your beliefs?
2. The next generation is the future of the church.
 - a. Do you think back to your childhood or teenage years with fondness or pain?
 - i. If it is more of a negative memory, what might have made a difference?
 1. In what ways could you step into the gap to prevent the next generation from going through the same?
 - ii. If it is a positive memory, who and what had a central role and influence?
 - b. How old were you when you found God?
 - c. Do you agree that we are in a battle for the next generation? Explain.
 - d. Do you feel a sense of urgency for them?
 - e. Will you fight for them, or forfeit? We only lose if we don’t show up.
3. Together, we can build a path to the future for the next generation.
 - a. Who are you building a future for?
 - b. Do you see it as a privilege to support the next generation?
 - c. What role will you play in helping the church build a path for them?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?