

Small Group Questions: Hold the Rope

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Read

Mark 2:1-5; Acts 9:22-25; Psalm 78:9-11

Reflect

Ministering to the Next Generation isn't easy, but it is necessary. Culture is changing at a rapid and dramatic rate, so we must learn to disciple young people differently and learn how to impact them for Jesus. Throughout scripture, we find stories of people "holding the rope" to bring others to salvation, protection, and healing. We can choose to not let go of our youth, so that they can grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Pastor Jon Hohm highlights three ways that we can help the Next Generation navigate and hold fast to lasting faith:

1. Pray

- a. How can you share your faith with the next generation through prayer?
- b. What needs do you see for this generation, and how can you pray that God would meet those needs?
- c. When and how can you "hold the rope" and pray for our youth?
- d. Read and discuss 1 Timothy 4:12. Do you "...set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity"?

2. Carry your corner

- a. Why is the church under attack, today? As a Christ follower, where are you challenged in defending your faith?
- b. How can you support parents and families during the trials of the teen age years?
- c. What do you see as road blocks when ministering to the next generation? What do you need to change or accept in order to coach our young people?

3. Don't let go

- a. Share a story about a person, who impacted your life, during formative years.
- b. How can you serve the next generation? In what ways do you already?

Respond:

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