

FUTURE CHURCH: NEXT GENERATION CHURCH

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Luke 5:4-10 NKJ

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

Luke 5:36-39 NKJ

Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'"

Questions We Are Asking:

1. How do we get current generation leaders to release control to next generation leaders?
2. How do we attract the next generation without compromising the Word?
3. How will the church look different in the future?

Generation Z: Children and teenagers

Millennials: Young adults (18-30)

Post Christian Culture:

- View church and Christians as irrelevant and out of touch
- View church leaders as judgmental and untrustworthy
- Generally view life with a liberal mindset
- Most diverse generation in American history
- Believe primarily in religious pluralism or syncretism
- Majority of their relational life and time is online

Characteristics of the Next Generation Church:

1. Compelling vision that emphasizes action over attendance

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Where there is no vision, the people perish...

Proverbs 29:18 NKJ

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint...

4 Pillars of Victory:

1. Building Families
2. Transforming Communities
3. Reconciling Cultures
4. Impacting Nations

2. Creating a FOR YOU culture instead of a FROM YOU culture

Philippians 2:3-4 NKJ

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

3. AUTHENTICITY replaces RELIGIOSITY

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 MSG

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whichever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!

4. Emphasis shifts from TRADITIONAL to CREATIVE

5. CONSUMER CHRISTIANITY will be replaced by SELFLESS DISCIPLESHIP