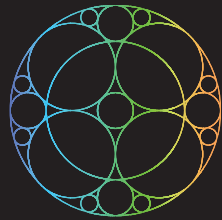


Discussion Guide.



The Church I See

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Teaching Text



(NKJV) Exodus 17:8-13

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

(NKJV) Malachi 4:6

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

Recap

This week Becky Johnson continues the series “**The Church I See**” with the message entitled “The Church I See: Is Generational”. We are a church that is passionate about seeing the generations come together and connect in a meaningful way. Our desire is to see the next generation living victoriously in revival, but in order for this to happen they must be connected to the older generation. If we are to be a healthy and thriving church then we must be generationally aligned.

A healthy and effective church is a connected church. We are a divided world: racially, politically, socioeconomically, generationally and the list goes on. But as God’s people, we are called to live differently than the world. We are called to walk together. When the generations are connected, they are better, stronger, fulfilled, and accomplish great things together.

The story found in our teaching text is the perfect picture of generational alignment and the generations working together. Moses represents the older generation and Joshua represents the younger

generation. God sends reinforcements to Moses on the hill rather than Joshua on the battlefield. When Moses was out of position, it did not matter what Joshua did with the sword. When generations are not aligned there is no hope for victory. Joshua listened to Moses and considered him to be a voice of wisdom in his life.

If we are going to be a people that are generationally connected, then we need humility. Humility is the precursor to connection in any relationship. Where there is disconnect there is arrogance. It is independence and arrogance that tells us that we do not need each other. The older generation must lead in this and aggressively move towards connection. It is the hearts of the fathers that turn first (Malachi 4:6).

As a church family, we cannot accept disconnection. Generational alignment must be non-negotiable for us. We have an opportunity to name this generation and declare truth over them. Our words matter and plant seeds. We can choose to plant seeds that lead to life and health.

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EMOTIONAL HEALTH CHECK IN

Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check in with your Community, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

What has resting looked like for you over the last month? What is one thing you would like to incorporate into your rhythm of rest?

If the need arises, spend a few minutes praying for one another, asking God to meet needs and help each person carry what feels heavy right now.

ENGAGE

1. How do you view the younger and older generations that are in your community? Have you formed judgments or adopted particular stereotypes?
2. What has been your experience with mothers and fathers in your life and what has been the impact of those relationships?
3. Do you have people of the younger generation (rather than your own children) in your life and how are you walking with them?

4. What do you think you need to learn (in this season) from the older or younger generation?

ENCOUNTER

Spend a few minutes in stillness and quiet (you may want to play soaking music) in your group and ask Holy Spirit the following question:

Holy Spirit, are there any areas of my life where I have allowed arrogance to prevent me from connecting with the younger/older generation? Please reveal to me those individuals You would like me to move towards and show me what it is to be humble.

If time permits, allow those who want to, share what God spoke to them during the Encounter time.

EQUIP

Step out this week and intentionally connect with someone from either the younger or older generation. Invite them to coffee or lunch and just make space for one another and share your stories.

