

SERMON NOTES

May 18 & 19, 2024

Why Does It Matter?: Connecting with the Next Generation

2024 Graduating High School Seniors

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Life Steps

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Monday

Psalms 142

Reflect: What three words would you use to describe yourself when you were graduating from high school? How did your teenage years affect the person you are today? What do you think young people are crying out to God about today?

Prayer: Pray for the healing of the younger generations who are hurting, anxious, and feel overlooked. Pray for our Student Ministries as a whole and students you know by name.

Tuesday

Psalms 145:8-20

Reflect: What do you learn about God from this passage? Which of these attributes of God would you most like to grow and develop in your own life?

Prayer: Pray for the younger generations to come to know who God really is. Pray for our Student Ministries as a whole and students you know by name.

Wednesday

Exodus 3:1-12

Reflect: How does Moses respond to God's calling? Why do you think Moses would react in that way? What is God calling you to do for the next generation? What prevents you from acting on what God calls you to do?

Prayer: Pray that so many people say yes to the next generations, Pathway will have a waiting list of people waiting to serve. Pray for our Student Ministries as a whole and students you know by name.

Thursday

Psalms 78:1-8

Reflect: What are some of your key learnings about God that you hope the next generations will come to know themselves? What does the Psalmist say would be the outcome in their lives if they embraced your key learnings?

Prayer: Pray for younger generations to learn to know and trust God. Pray for our Student Ministries as a whole and students you know by name.

Friday

Matthew 19: 13-15

Reflect: Why might the disciples have "rebuked" the people who brought the young generations to Jesus? Today, why might adults shun, ignore, or judge younger generations?

Prayer: Pray for the creation of space in the lives of every Pathway Adult so that every child and student will come to know they are valued, important, and loved by God. Pray for our Student Ministries as a whole and students you know by name.

Saturday

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Reflect: What does God instruct the Israelites to teach the next generation? What are some of the ways they are to communicate these truths? When thinking about the future, why does connecting younger generations matter? What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

Prayer: Pray for God to help you notice the relational and spiritual needs of the younger generations. Pray for our Student Ministries as a whole and students you know by name.

Sunday

John 15:12-13

Reflect: There is no higher expression of love than to give your very life, to be willing to leave family and friends knowing death is imminent. Spend a few quiet moments reflecting upon the sacrifice of all the brave heroes who laid down their lives so that we might freely live and worship.

Prayer: Thank you God for all the brave men and women who have demonstrated sacrificial love. Today we remember and honor their sacrifice.