

## PRAYER

- Pray for God to reveal to you who are the young people He wants you to reach. Ask God for wisdom on how to share the gospel to them.

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- Ask about the needs and names of children of the families represented in your group. Pray for them.

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- Ask God for grace and wisdom to live for His honor, setting an example to follow for the next generation.

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## CONNECT

- What is one childhood song or story that you still remember today? Why is it memorable?
- Share about a time when you remembered an elderly advice and it worked out well for you. Who gave it?
- What is one teaching or advice that your parents or guardians used to keep reminding you when you were a lot younger? Why do you think did they do that?

## WORD

<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. <sup>5</sup>He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, <sup>6</sup>so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Psalm 78:4-6

## WHAT

What does the Bible say?

Passing on wise and godly virtues to the youth is more biblical than it is cultural. Asaph, who was a singer and songwriter during Bible times, records the secret to an unending line of strong believers and true worshipers—discipling the next generation. The Book of Psalms reflects these teachings. Today, what can we learn from Asaph's songs?

- **God wills for us to proclaim Him to the next generation.**

*We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation . . .*

Psalm 78:4

*Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.*

Psalm 71:18

Telling about God to the younger ones should be intentional. Not only in words, our lives should reflect who God is and how we ought to live for Him. The message is to honor God, both in words and lifestyle. What do you deliberately say or model before younger ones in order to point them to God?

- **God desires to be known by the next generation.**

*. . . so that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.*

Psalm 78:6

To know God is not just about having head knowledge of who He is but more importantly, it is to experience Him. We should help others know

how to worship God and have a relationship with Him. How are you helping younger people encounter God?

- **God wants the next generation to experience Him.**

*<sup>5</sup>He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children . . . <sup>7</sup>Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.*

Psalm 78:5,7

*But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children . . .*

Psalm 103:17

God's works and ways inevitably reveal the character of God. And we only get to experience the fullness of God when we are in relationship with Him. The youth should be connected to God so they, too, can experience Him. What avenues can help the youth experience God?

## SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How is your life a testimony to the youth about the God that you serve? How can you grow more in your personal witness?
- Among the young people you know, with whom are you sharing your faith now? How do you see them?
- How do you feel about the challenges that the youth is facing today? How does the Bible address these issues?

## NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- How can you be more involved in your local church's youth or KIDS ministry (praying, giving, teaching)? What can you commit to invest in the training of these young ones?
- Who are the young people you usually see in your community? How can you be a blessing to them?
- How can you help bring about youth problem awareness among your spheres of influence? How can you bring Christian influence among parents and teachers?