

WORD

¹⁹Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. DEUTERONOMY 11:19-21 (ALSO READ DEUTERONOMY 11:22,23.)

WHAT

In today's culture highly driven by electronic devices and social media, it is fast and easy to go "viral." Adults may have created this culture knowingly or unknowingly but it has had adverse effects on majority of the youth. As a multi-generational church, we do not just go for temporal change but a transformation that can last through generations—one that is forcefully advancing (Matthew 11:12). As such, we are called to teach God's Word to the youth effectively. How do we go about it?

1 By teaching God's Word intentionally

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Young people today are exposed to media. This shapes their values and makes them take God's Word for granted. As a church, we are to deliberately build God's kingdom for the long haul by committing to reach the young people with God's Word, otherwise they "will not know the Lord nor what he has done" (Judges 2:10). How does this truth help you? Are you teaching God's Word to young people? Why or why not?

2 By trusting the next generation to obey God's Word

¹⁶Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses." JOSHUA 1:16,17

Joshua was entrusted to succeed Moses' leadership and the elders were there to encourage him to lead by God's standards. In the same way, as we trust young people to obey God's Word, we will see them "go viral" by reaching out to people everywhere they go and in everything they do, led by a clear vision and mission to go and make disciples. How can we trust and encourage the next generation to follow God?

3 By training them to spread God's Word in the campuses of the world

¹⁹"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." MATTHEW 28:19,20

God's Word must not be limited to our own homes. Paul went to key places of the Roman Empire, thereby planting churches from its major cities. Likewise, we have to meet them where they are—in the campus. Why? History tells us that future leaders, social values, and movements are birthed in campuses of the world. By reaching out to the youth, we help shape a nation's future. Is our youth being trained to live according to God's Word?
