



# Leave No Generation Out

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All throughout Scripture, you see God's desire that each generation would know Him, follow His principles, and serve His mission.

**God's covenant love and purposes are for each generation.**

See Genesis 17:1–7.

**God commands that older generations inform and influence the faith of the younger generations.**

See Deuteronomy 6:1–12.

**There are personal and cultural consequences for failing to develop the faith of younger generations.**

See Judges 2:7–13.

**Faith in God is meant to be embraced personally AND shared generationally.**

See Psalm 78:1–7.

**The future of the church and the success of its mission is dependent on multi-generational discipleship.**

See Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 2:38–39; Ephesians 3:20–21.

**The Bible reveals God's desire for multi-generational faith development.**

How many of you know someone between the ages of 18-35 who has dropped out of church? This is the generation — the Millennial generation — that we must not leave behind. But unless things change, we will continue to see them left out.

The ages 18-29 are the black hole of church attendance...missing in action from most congregations. — David Kinnaman, "You Lost Me"

More than two-thirds of young churchgoing adults in America drop out of church between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two! — Thom Rainer III, Sam S., Essential Church

The problem is not that this generation has been less churched than children and teens before them; the problem is that much spiritual energy fades away during a crucial decade of life—the twenties.

Millions of young adults leave active involvement in church as they exit their teen years. Some never return, while others live indefinitely at the margins of the faith community, attempting to define their own spirituality.

The dropout problem is, at its core, a faith-development problem...it's a discipleship problem. The church is not adequately preparing the next generation to follow Christ faithfully in a rapidly changing culture. — David Kinnaman, “You Lost Me: Why Young Christians Are Leaving Church...and Rethinking Faith,” 2011

How can we follow Jesus—and help young people faithfully follow Jesus—in a dramatically changing culture?

Recognize that we have both individual responsibility and institutional opportunity.

To respond effectively to the spiritual needs of the next generation, established institutions and communities must understand them, and change in appropriate, biblical ways.