



Helping the Next Gen Win: A Standard for Living

The Greatest Generation. Baby Boomers. Generation X. Millennials. Generation Z. Each generation is distinct from those that came before and those that will come after. They have different priorities and different experiences. They see the world differently. It's easy for the generations to live in conflict and competition. But what is our responsibility for the next generation?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

"Provide a standard for living rather than improving their standard of living."

To begin your time of discussion, share about one or two people you've had in your life who helped you win in life.

Read: Psalm 78:1-7

Context: *This was a psalm written by Asaph, a priest during the time of King David in Israel. David lived from 1025-961 B.C. and reigned as the king of Israel for 40 years. In this Psalm, he is reviewing the history of Israel and all the good and hard times they have gone through.*

- What are some "wins" you were taught or heard others talking about that were not an eternal investment? Why are those types of "wins" so prevalent in our world? Why are those so easy for us to gravitate towards even as followers of Jesus?
- What is it that we are called to share with the next generation in order for them to win (Psalm 78:5-6)?
- How do you see Psalm 78:5-6 demonstrated by those around you? What would it look like for you to do the same for others in your life?
- What will happen to the next generation if we do what Psalm 78:5-6 says? How can that change the future?
- John said on Sunday that **choosing to help the Next Gen win involved shifting from a "self-centered" life to an "others-centered" life**. How can we not only shift our perspective of life but also sustain and maintain an "others-centered" life?
- What would you say are your top 3-5 life lessons you can pass along to the next gen?
- How can you **live trusting God and keeping his commands**, "be the vision" as John said, for the next gen?
- What will your next step be to help the next gen win? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

The next generation doesn't need a better standard of living. They need a standard for living. It is every generation's responsibility—and privilege—to pass along the "praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" to the generations that follow. When we help the next generation win, we win as well and God gets the glory.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: Psalm 7:4

Journaling: Write down the 3-5 life lessons that someone passed on to you. Write down your 3-5 life lessons that you can pass on to the next generation. Pray for opportunities to pass them along in humility.

Prayer: Begin praying that the Holy Spirit would give you an "others-centered" type of compassion every day this week when your feet hit the floor each morning.

Accountability: Ask a friend to keep you accountable to help the next generation succeed.