



SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus used culturally relevant stories to share timeless kingdom truths to lead people to God.

We often don't know how lost or disenfranchised our young people are.

We need a new perspective on who we are in a culture that is hostile to God, hostile to truth, and wants to shut God out.

Our young people are growing up feeling anxious and alone.

God's plan is that His kingdom is passed from generation to generation.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Psalms 78:5-7

I need to train up the next generation and disciple them to be followers of Jesus.

I need to teach the next generation the foundations of faith.

Following Jesus requires discipline and daily devotion.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3:23

When I disciple the next generation I am preparing them for spiritual battles.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

God wants me to train the next generation to follow Jesus and advance His kingdom.

I have a responsibility to teach, train, and toughen the next generation.

For physical training is of some value, but Godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come... That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:8,10



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

We now live in a culture that is hostile to God and wants to shut God out of public life. How then do we raise up a next generation of resilient Christ followers to have a faith that stands out in the midst of a culture that is shutting God out?

God's intention for the family of God and for our physical families is that we pass on what we have learned and exhort the next generation to have spiritual discipline and the foundations of faith that are unshakeable.

We must seriously take on the mantle of disciple-maker and invest time and energy into the next generation of Christ-followers so that they have their identity rooted in Jesus and are established in an unshakeable faith that is part and parcel of God's unshakeable kingdom.

TALK-IT-OVER:

In what ways do you see that culture is hostile to God and keeping the next generation from knowing Jesus?

What are some faith foundations that were important for you to learn in your faith journey?

What excuses do you tell yourself to not be responsible to disciple the next generation?

Why is it important to you that the next generation is disciplined to follow Jesus?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Romans 1:20-32

Day 2) Deuteronomy 11:18-19

Day 3) Psalm 119:9-11, 31-33

Day 4) Proverbs 2:1-8

Day 5) Isaiah 48:17-19

Day 6) Ephesians 4:17-32