

Youth Ministry Report

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- As the Apostle Paul concludes his prayer over the church at Ephesus you can sense the longing in his heart to see Jesus glorified in the church throughout all generations. Young and old alike. From nine months to 90 years may the Lord be glorified throughout all generations in the church. Today we are faced with the mission, and the challenge of propelling the gospel to the next generation, however, if we’re honest we have thus far missed the mark. Currently we are witnessing an entire generation lost in our culture. The Millennial generation born roughly 1980-1996 were the most unchurched, de-churched and lost generation this country has ever seen until “Gen Z” were born between 1997-2012. According to Pew Research “Gen Z” is the nation’s least religious generation, with about a third having no religion at all. These are children ages eleven to twenty six years old. Despite the statistics this generation also exhibits an interest and a hunger for something to believe in. They long to contribute to a cause bigger than themselves. They crave belonging, attention, and love. This generation also struggles deeply with mental illness. According to one statistic roughly 42% of Gen Z struggles with some form of mental health condition ranging from depression and anxiety to suicidal thoughts. This generation is desperate for something genuine, authentic and real. We know that something is someone, and his name is Jesus. We serve a God who is more than able to rescue an entire generation, and we are his agents of rescue. We can begin by asking the Lord to break our hearts for these young people so we do everything and anything it takes to reach them. “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV

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