



GENERATIONS

It Shall Be Told

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Generations | "Faithful Soldiers" | 2 Tim. 1:15-2:13 | Pastor Mike McKinney

Monday, Jan. 26 - Sunday, Feb. 1 (Week 3)

In a powerful call to spiritual warfare and generational impact, Pastor Mike unveils the heart of Church at Bergen's "Generations" generosity initiative, drawing from Paul's final letter to Timothy. At this pivotal moment in our church's history, facing space constraints and growing ministry needs, Pastor Mike challenged us to become "good soldiers of Christ Jesus" who will preserve and proclaim the Gospel for future generations. Through vivid biblical imagery and personal conviction, Pastor Mike emphasizes that this \$3.9 million two-year vision isn't merely about acquiring a building – it's about unleashing the church's full potential to "storm the gates of hell" and reach thousands for Christ. He weaves together Paul's military metaphors with practical discipleship, calling all of us to evaluate our generosity journey and make sacrificial commitments that will impact souls yet unborn. The sermon culminates in an urgent reminder that while faithful soldiers may face battles, they find endurance by fixing their eyes on the risen Christ and trusting in the unstoppable power of God's Word to transform lives long after they're gone.

QUESTION #1 - Pastor Mike mentioned that if there was anything to remember from the sermon it was this simple, short phrase: "*Please The One*". Where in your life do you drift into "civilian pursuits" away from pleasing, "The One"?

QUESTION #2 - Regarding the Generations generosity initiative, where would you honestly place yourself on the generosity journey (first-time giver, intentional, proportional, tither, sacrificial, generational)? What would it look like for you to take the next step?

QUESTION #3 - Paul says he endures "everything for the sake of the elect." The sermon applied this to sacrificing for future generations who will be saved through this church's ministry, even people we'll never meet. How does thinking about your legacy of faith (beyond your lifetime) change how you view sacrifice today?

QUESTION #4 - The sermon ended with a direct appeal: "Will you endure everything?" As you think about the next two years of the Generations initiative and your own spiritual journey, what does "enduring everything" look like for you practically?



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