



GENERATIONS

It Shall Be Told

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Generations | "Faithful Servants" | 2 Tim. 2:14-26 | Pastor Mike McKinney

Monday, Feb. 2 - Sunday, Feb. 8 (Week 4)

Emphasis for the Month: **Deepening Roots Through Consistency**

The excitement of a new semester has settled into the rhythm of real life. This is the stage where groups either grow deeper or drift into routine. Month two is about strengthening what you started and helping your group move from surface connection to meaningful community. Now is the time to deepen the roots.

Stay consistent.

Faithful presence matters more than perfect meetings. Keep showing up prepared, prayerful, and expectant. Consistency builds trust, and trust builds openness.

Draw quieter people in.

By now you can notice who talks easily and who holds back. Gently invite quieter members to share. A simple, "We'd love to hear from you," can go a long way.

Follow up personally.

A quick text, call, or coffee meeting during the week communicates care. Shepherding often happens between meetings, not just in them.

Revisit the "why."

Remind your group that you're not just gathering for discussion, but for transformation. We gather to know Christ more, love one another well, and live on mission.

Pray for growth, not just needs.

Pray for spiritual maturity, obedience, boldness in witness, and increasing love for Christ. Ask God to actively shape your people.

Remember:

Healthy groups aren't built on hype but on steady faithfulness. The Lord often works most powerfully through ordinary, consistent investment over time.



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As the Generations initiative continues, help your group see that discipleship is not a moment but a movement. God is forming people who will pass on faith, invest in others, and live generously for His kingdom. Thank you for your faithful leadership. God uses steady shepherds to build strong communities.

CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We will be holding our next Child Dedication Class on Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM, hosted by Eric and Jen Hicks. Please email info@churchatbergen.org to sign up. Questions? Contact our BergenKIDS Director, Barbara Krieger (barbara.krieger@churchatbergen.org)
2. Please join us for our prayer gathering every Tuesday night at 6:30PM
3. **Commitment Sunday** - Sunday, February 22. This will be the last Sunday in our Generations series when all people who are committing to the vision will bring their commitment cards to church filled out and offer them to God during the service.

ICE BREAKER: Think about someone in your life (parent, mentor, teacher, coach) who modeled commitment and faithfulness for you. What specific habit or practice of theirs made the biggest impression on you? How has that shaped who you are today?

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

SERMON DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read this week's scripture from 2 Timothy 2:14-26, and then this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

Have you ever wondered what makes someone truly useful in God's kingdom? Drawing from 2 Timothy 2, Pastor Mike unveils how faithful servants of Christ must be anchored in truth and holiness to impact future generations. Through scriptural illustrations of vessels in a great house, he shows how God uses those who cleanse themselves from dishonor and pursue righteousness with pure hearts. The sermon's urgent message resonates particularly with our Generations generosity initiative, challenging us to take bold steps of faith and generosity so the Gospel can reach those not yet born. Pastor Mike emphasizes that while all Christians are equally saved, not all are equally useful – our usefulness depends on our commitment to truth and our willingness to engage in gentle but courageous conflict for the sake of the Gospel. He concludes with a stirring call: Will we model for the next generation what it means to be fully surrendered to Christ, leaving a legacy of faithfulness that echoes into eternity?



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QUESTION #1 - Pastor Mike said, "All Christians are equally saved, but not equally useful to Jesus." How does that statement sit with you? Does it challenge or encourage you?

QUESTION #2 - What is one thing in your life right now that you know dishonors Jesus and limits your usefulness to Him - you do not have to share with the group? Who is one person in this group (or outside it) you could invite to pray with you and hold you accountable in this area?

QUESTION #3 - When it comes to generosity, most people who are faithful givers say, "That's just how I was raised." What messages about money and generosity did you receive growing up? And what do you want your children (or the next generation in your sphere of influence) to learn from you about faithfulness and generosity?

QUESTION #4 - Where might you need to turn away from quarrels, controversies, or unhelpful conversations?

QUESTION #5 - How can your gentleness and truthfulness become a means of rescue for others?

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking *and recording* prayer requests and then pray together as a group (*I strongly encourage you to send out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives*).



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