

Questions for Study and Application:

1. Do you agree that scripture is intended to be read and applied in community? Why or why not?
2. What are the dangers of reading and applying it individualistically? What are the advantages of applying it individually?
3. In the message, Kory said “God saves us into a community that is tasked to work for Him.” Do you agree? If so, how is this understanding different from some understandings of salvation?

Read Psalm 78:1-8

4. What does the Psalmist say he will pass on to future generations? (you can also browse through the rest of the chapter—it’s long—to help answer as well)
5. Why does he say it’s important to pass it along?
6. What does he say is the result if we fail to pass along the faith to future generations? What is the result if we succeed?
7. In the story, Kory talked about “contextualizing” the gospel. What does this mean? What are some ways we currently contextualize the gospel? What are some ways we contextualized the gospel 50 years ago? 100 years ago? 2000 years ago?
8. What are the challenges in contextualizing the gospel when we have four different generations in the same church?
9. How is a multi-generational church a good opportunity for discipleship?
10. What are the five keys Kory said we must remember in passing along the faith? Do you agree with all of them? Why or why not?
11. What difference will it make in how different generations treat each other if we see our task as passing along the faith rather than just co-existing?
12. What changes do you need to make in your thoughts or actions when it comes to passing along the faith?



Passing Along the Faith

“Modern progress has made the world a neighborhood. God has given us the task of making it a brotherhood.” –Philip Gibbs

“When two parties are at variance, the surest way to bring them together is through someone they love.” –William Barclay

““Before you go and criticize the younger generation, just remember who raised them.” –Anonymous

“A generation which ignores history has no past and no future.” –Robert Heinlein

“Wisdom is perishable. Unlike information or knowledge, it cannot be stored in a computer or recorded in a book. It expires with each passing generation.” –Unknown

“What we have heard and known,
what our fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
His power and the wonders He has done.”

—Psalm 78:3-4

Sermon Notes:

Ephesians 2.

We tend to read the Bible _____.

The Bible is intended to be read and applied in _____.

- Jesus called people to become a part of _____.

The church will always teach some things that will _____ with what I _____ or how I _____.

God saves us into a community that is _____ to work for Him. (vs 10)

One of the trends of church leadership was _____.

The church does need to _____ the Gospel.

- The _____ we speak.
- The _____ we use.
- What we _____.

The Church is accountable to pass on the Gospel to future _____.

Today _____% of people quit attending church after the age of 18.

What kind of church is up for that?

One where _____ are broken down by Jesus.

- There is no _____ difference.
- The difference is _____.

We are building a _____ for younger generations.

- _____ = the cornerstone
- _____ and _____ = the foundation
- Older generations _____ younger generations.

Five keys to passing along the faith:

1. We have to see our differences as _____.
2. The older generations bear more _____ of the passing of the gospel.
3. We are to pass the gospel on to those currently _____ and _____ the church.
4. The younger generations must learn to _____ and _____ the older generations.
5. We have to have staff specifically _____ to passing along the faith.

Introducing our staff: name _____