



TALK IT OVER

Next Generation

BOTTOM LINE

What is the faith of the next generation worth? Everything!

CONVERSATION STARTER

Besides your parents, who had the most influence on you before you were 18 and why?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCE

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [3 Reasons Why Christians Go to Church](#) - brief article and video (5 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

Jesus: "I will build my church." Matthew 16:18 NIV

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church ... to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:11-16 NLT

"God has a purpose for my life, and it is bigger than me."

"I'm a pastor's kid. I've seen the church at its best and I've seen the church at its worst. But I still love the church as imperfect as it is." – Quotes by Dwight Mason

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We hear much about "church hurt," and we should take it seriously and treat people gently. One of the best ways we can help is to agree that we sometimes misrepresent God's great idea of the Church, but the Church IS the *hope* of the world as we get it right. We can share honestly what the church has done for us. Dwight shared that he loved the church because the church **informed his conscience**. It taught him right from wrong. How is the wide Church of Christ doing that for you today in our confused culture? The church **showed him how to relate to others**. What are some relational truths and skills you learned through the church? Did God use anyone particularly in your life? **The church instilled a sense of purpose**. How has God shown His purpose for you? How are you being equipped and serving to fulfill it? **It opened a window to see God's activity in the world**. Are you engaged and part of His love for the world? How? **The church taught him to be generous**. Generosity is the healthiest human emotion. How has generosity impacted you? How has following Jesus in the church made your life better and you better at life?

ACTION STEP

I am part of God's mission. I will take what I learned and find my place in winning and serving the next generation. _____