

# TALK IT OVER

The Next Generation

## BOTTOM LINE

The next generation is critical to the future of the church.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

Talk about a childhood friend who made life good. Are you still in touch?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [3 Reasons the Church Should Invest in Young People](#) (3 min.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

“The local church is God’s agent to transformation personally, culturally, and globally. The way in which the church is called to live – loving and caring – morality and ethics – should be what the culture experiences.”  
– Dwight Mason

“Where there are churches flourishing, communities will flourish. For the sake of this generation and the next, we have to get this right.”  
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Did you attend church in your “next gen” years? If so, what was your experience? Dwight says that when he was young, the church informed his conscience, instilled a sense of purpose, gave him insight into God’s activity in the world, and instructed him to be generous. Which of those resonates with you? Talk about it. Who did God use and how did He use them to help you “get it”? What happens at home is even more important than what happens at church, so the church and the home must be on the same page. How does that happen? We cannot control what our children believe and how they live, but we can influence them by the way we live out our faith. How do we do that? What makes it hard? If we truly believe that the faith of the next generation is worth everything, where and how must we invest? What must change?

## ACTION STEPS

I will pray and act on behalf of the next generation in my family, my church, my community, and the world by \_\_\_\_\_

I will regularly pray for this Next Gen member: \_\_\_\_\_