



It Matters, Pt. 4: Pass it On

Since 1990, there has been a significant exodus of a younger generation from faith - any faith group. As a generation begins to leave behind any interest of being a part of a faith community, what are we to do? In this message we are reminded that although there are a lot of things we could focus our efforts upon, there are none as important as our efforts to reach the next generation.

Bottom Line: Our mandate is to lead the next generation to faith in Jesus

Discussion Questions

1. Whether you came to faith as a child or as an adult, what influences were present that encouraged your growth? How different would your life be if those influences were not there?
2. What are some things that influence children, teens, and young adults in our culture currently? Are these things positively or negatively effecting our faith culture? Discuss why it is more difficult now to raise kids to love Christ than it was 30 years ago.
3. **Read 1 Timothy 2:3-6 & Deuteronomy 6:1-9.** Studies show that for every one person who is lead to Jesus, four will leave faith. Why is ministry for the next generation so urgent? Why do we need to raise the bar?
4. **Read Colossians 1:28-29.** Discuss some things you and your small group can do to bring the Gospel of Jesus to the RVA community. This week, decide and act on one thing that your group can do to be a positive influence in RVA.
5. In this weeks message, it was announced that we have begun expansion project that will enable our church to connect with and reach more families - especially families with teenagers. As a group, begin praying for this project and how it will impact our community. As an individual, begin praying about how you can partner with Journey to make this happen.
6. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
7. How can the group encourage or support you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.