



# ***Engaging Younger Generations***

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# Realities That Shape Ministry

Most people tend to replicate what they experienced growing up.

- The Golden Rule of the Church
- Pragmatism - it worked for me

This tends to hinder youth ministry in larger churches and eliminate it in small congregations.

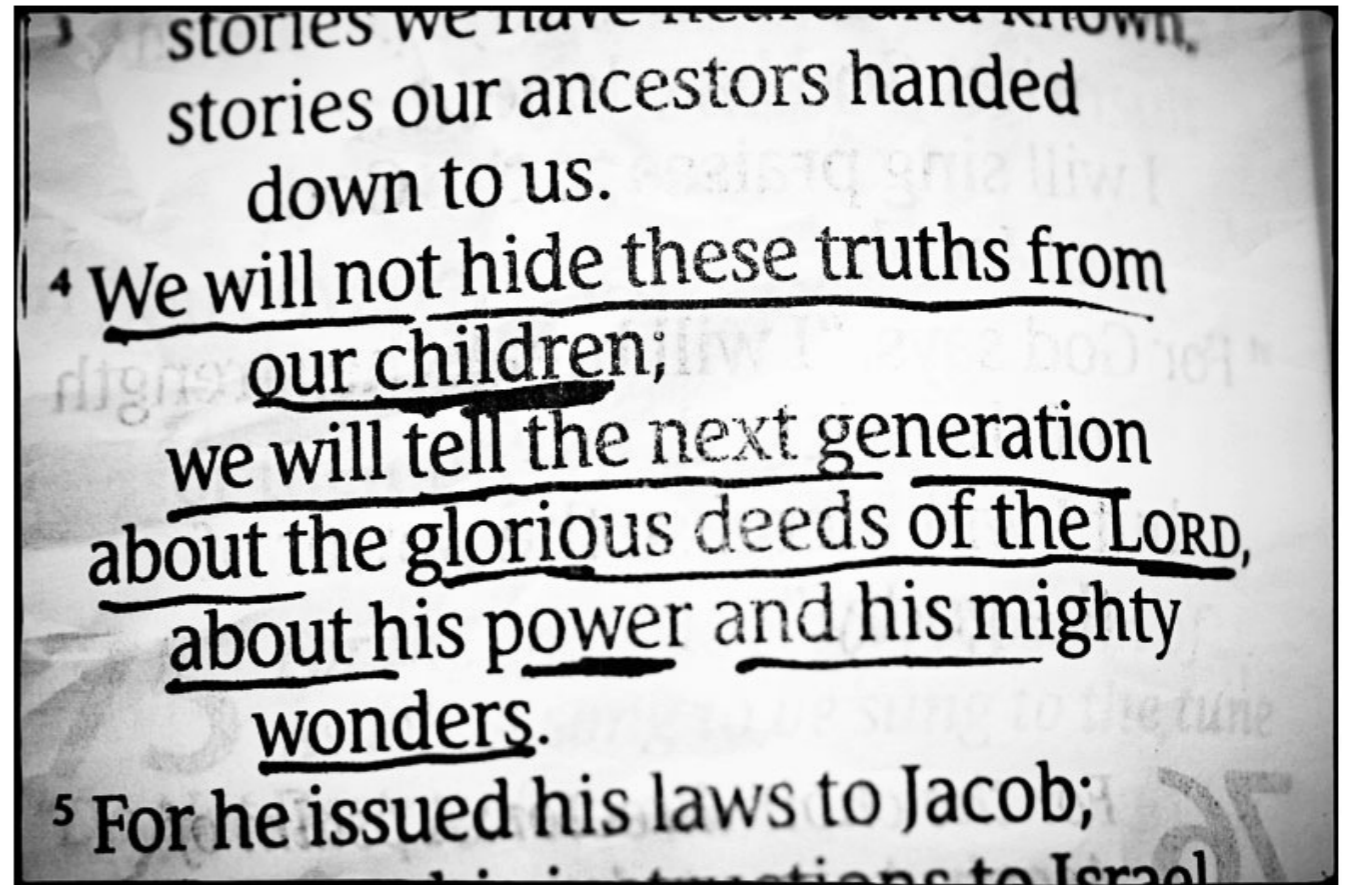
# Lessons Learned in SC

- The need for a simple sustainable model for ministry
- The disconnect that discipleship is meant to be in the family
- The Trellis & The Vine
- We must disciple in a way that can be generational

# God Has A Plan

## Passing The Faith...

- Ps 78



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- Deut 6

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ESV)

# A model for ministry that:

- Starts in scripture rather than culture
- Based on the bare essentials of passing our faith to others
- Equally effective for evangelism and discipleship
- Relationally driven rather than program driven

# **A model so simple that it can...**

- Serve the needs of every generation.
- Work in churches of any size or context.
- Start without adding programs.
- Equip people to grow in their faith.
- Fulfill God's plan for the church.



TALK · STUDY · PRAY

**ENGAGE**

PROJECT

ANGLICANS

YOUNG



# Engage has no need for:

- Extensive resources – it's just time spent with young people
- Critical Mass – it's one to one or small groups
- Programs – it's relationships
- Attracting teens – it's reaching out to them



The model is simply:

**Talk. Study. Pray.**

# Founded on core assumptions:

**People need to connect!**



# Founded on core assumptions:

**How people start is  
how they continue...**



# Founded on core assumptions:

**Scripture is our primary source for growing in our knowledge of God.**

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

(Psalm 1:1-3 ESV)

# Founded on core assumptions:

**Bible Study is incomplete unless we put it into action!**

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

**James 1:19-25**

# Who can do this?

- Love God
- Love His Word
- Love People



# What is the long-term impact of this approach?

- Leaders develop a particular set of skills...
- Those who grow up disciplined by their elders will be able to disciple the younger
- Families will know what to do to pass the faith to the next generation (Deut 6 and Psalm 78)
- Engaging Every Generation!



**ENGAGING**

**EVERY GENERATION**



# 3 Key Future Investments

- Invest in evangelism with children
- Invest in making disciples among teens
- Invest in church based campus ministry
  
- Invest in grand parenting ministry

# Sites to check out

- <http://www.engagingeverygeneration.com>
- <https://www.rootedministry.com>
- <https://younganglicans.com>