

Sermon series: Heartbeat

Text: Psalm 78

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A Passion for the Next Generation – Pass the Baton

Big Idea: Each of us has the ability, opportunity, and responsibility to pass the faith to the next generation!

FIVE TRUTHS TO PASS TO THE NEXT GENERATION

1. God is _____ . . . Let Me Show You Why (Ps 78:2-4, 7)
2. God's _____ is _____ . . . You Should Follow His C _____ (Ps 78:2-4, 7)
3. God is _____ . . . Even in the _____ (Ps 78:13-16)
4. God Can Be _____ . . . With All of Our _____ (Ps 78:17-37)
5. God is _____ and _____ . . . No Matter What the _____ Looks Like (Ps 78:56-72)

4 Mistakes to Avoid:

1. *Make sure the next generation is ready to receive the baton*
2. *Make sure you are running at the same speed*
3. *Make sure to communicate well*
4. *Make sure to let go of the baton*

Additional Resource

Smooth Hand Offs
by Andy Stephen





What is the FIRST memory that comes to mind from your childhood? Why do you think that was the first thing that came to mind? What did that event or situation teach you or how did it impact your life?

If you grew up in a faith background, what do you remember about it? How did it shape what you believe now, both negatively and positively? If you did not grow up in a faith background, how did your background both hinder and help you when you entered a relationship with Jesus?

When you take time to look back and remember, who do you recall articulating the faithfulness of God to you? What do you remember most about that. . .the stories they shared, the way they communicated to you. . .the patience they had. . .etc.? How can that help as you do the same for others?

Does the idea that you have the opportunity, ability, and responsibility to pass the faith to the next generation excite you or intimidate you? Why is that?

What stories of God's power and miracles stand out to you the most from the Bible? What do they tell you about God? Has there been a time when you shared one of those stories with someone else? What was the situation and what was it like?

It has been said that recounting the Lord's grace and mercy is an act of war, battling against the lies and idolatry and darkness that are ever lurking on the doorsteps of our lives. As you look back at your life, what have been the most memorable moments of God's working in your life?

What are some other things we tend to put our hope and trust in instead of God? How did that fail in your life and lead you back to putting your hope and trust in God?

What do you find to be the easiest thing to share with the next generation about the faith? What is difficult to get across the next generation? What makes one easier than the other?

Write down at least one person in your life, younger than you, that you can begin to establish or nurture a relationship with in order to pass along the faith? Set a plan to begin doing that!

With your CARE group, share your faith story and/or a story of how God has been faithful to you in your life, grown your faith, established your trust in Him, or worked things out for good.