

Day 33 – Next Generational

Today, we will focus on Stonegate's core value of being *Next Generational*. Stonegate has a rich heritage of pouring time, focus, and resources into the next generation. God has been so gracious to honor that investment and show us the fruits of that labor. We want people in every generation to experience God's love and become all God designed them to be and purposed them to do - empowering them to invest their lives into the generation coming behind them.

Where might God be calling you to invest your time, talents, or resources in the next generation?

Our focus scripture for today is Psalm 78:4

⁴ "We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and His mighty wonders."

As forgetful people who will fail on our own, we can take comfort in God's persistent patience and His joy to work in and through us. We are called to tell the next generation the wonderful things God is doing and pass on testimonies of His power and greatness in order to remember. By teaching those who come after us about God's glorious deeds, power, and wonders, we help the generations after us learn to trust Him for themselves, remember His deeds, and follow Him personally.

Pause to think about all the people from the next generation in your circle of influence—your family, your place of work, the coffee shop you frequent, or the gym you work out at. Consider what the Lord is already doing in your circle, particularly with the next generation, and what it would take for you to join Him.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say "yes, Lord," dedicate time to worship and praise God for His works throughout past generations. Reflect on how you and those you love came to know the Lord. Who were the people through which God worked to draw all of you closer to Him? Write a note of gratitude, giving thanks for these blessings in your life.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us says in:

Psalm 78:5–7 ⁵ "... He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, ⁶ so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. ⁷ So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting His glorious miracles and obeying His commands."

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.