



Session 4

Elder Generation

BIG IDEA

God has a word for every generation. We want to call out the beauty and the opportunity in each generation.

GROUP OPENER

If you could live anywhere in the world for one year, where would it be and why?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read this passage: Philippians 3:3-4:1. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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WEEKEND

Dallas Willard said, "The main thing God gets out of your life is the person you become."

David Brooks uses the terms "Eulogy Virtues" and "Resume Virtues."

Discussion:

Why do people often tend to focus on "Resume Virtues" instead of our "Eulogy Virtues"?

Share one characteristic you would want people to say in their eulogy for you.

Thought:

One of the amazing things about the grace of God is that it is always working. One of the greatest lies that the enemy of our soul can use is to try and convince us that "it is too late to change". Every day we can choose to believe the lie of Satan or we can choose to lean into the grace of God. The Holy Spirit lives inside of every believer and can be the power to change to lay a better foundation. Often, the change we want will not come about in our own power but requires us to trust in the power of the Spirit.

Questions:

What areas does Paul encourage his readers to build their life on in the passage we read today?

What are some things you could implement today to build the foundation you want to be discussed in your eulogy?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement...

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.
- Share your "I Will" statement with the group.