

Future Church: Next Generation Church
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LUKE 5:36-39 NKJV

Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'"

- TENSION between over 40 and under 40 crowd
- TENSION between what we need to change and what people want to stay the same
- TENSION between how we stay relative without compromising the Word of God

Next Generation:

- anyone under 40 with a strong emphasis on anyone under 30
 - approximately 200 million people of the 330 million in America
 - Of the group under 30, about 15% claim any strong affiliation with Christ.

3 Major Changes:

1. Access
2. Alienation
3. Authority

The Big Four:

1. Parents
2. Professors
3. Politicians
4. Preachers

Post-Christian Culture: Mosaic Culture

- Fragmented FAMILIES
- Fragmented CAREERS
- Fragmented RELATIONSHIPS
- Fragmented FAITH

Characteristics of Next Generation Church:

1. Culture of humility and love instead of religion and judgment

JOHN 8:1-11 NLT

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

Our Position:

- All of us are sinners in need of a Savior
- Jesus taught us to value everyone regardless of their sins
- Jesus taught us to have an attitude of humility and love
- You don't have to compromise truth to love

2. Emphasizing a Kingdom culture over an earthly culture

GALATIANS 3:26-29 CEV

All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. And when you were baptized, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman. So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised.

3. Culture that emphasizes mission over attendance

4 Pillars of Victory:

1. Building strong families
2. Transforming communities
3. Reconciling cultures
4. Impacting nations

MATTHEW 5:13-16 NLT

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."