

**Sermon Title: What the Next Generation Needs from Us**

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**Passage: Psalm 78**

**Groups Guide: 8/17/25**

**Belong:**

Ice Breaker: When you are younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? How does that compare to who you are today?

*Leader's Note: David Branch is our Student Pastor and will be teaching today as part of our Back to School emphasis. Even if your group doesn't have school age kids or grandkids it is good to remember that we are all responsible for the next generation of Christ followers.*

**Believe:**

Have someone read Psalm 78: 1-8

*Leader's Note: Psalm 78 is one of the longest Psalms in the Psalter and details the entire history of Israel up to this point. . It is written by Aseph. He was a Levite and a worship leader for King David. He contributed a few Psalms to our Bible.*

*Psalms 78 tells the story of Israel's deliverance and salvation. But it also details their rebellion and brokenness. In the middle of all of that we see a picture of God's faithfulness and grace to a broken people as well as a clear charge to Israel regarding the next generation.*

1. What does Aseph say in verse 1 they should tell future generations? Take a quick look at the rest of Psalm 78. What kind of things does Aseph speak to? Why is this important?
2. What do we need to tell the next generation so that they won't forget?
3. What has God done for you personally?
4. Look at Psalm 78 verse 5. What did Aseph say about the testimony in Jacob and the law in Israel? Do you know what he is referring to? What was the benefit of knowing Scripture?

*Leader's Note: In that time, the scriptures consisted of the Torah. The first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy. But even more specifically, God had given Moses the ten commandments on Mt. Sinai in Exodus 20.*

## **Become:**

*Leader's Note: In our time, it can be easy to make the ten commandments (but also all of scripture) a list of dos and don'ts. A sequence of rules to follow. But the heart of God in giving us the Bible is not necessarily to give us rules to follow. Or information to master. It is ultimately about a relationship to cultivate.*

5. Have someone read Psalm 78:8. Aseph says that if God's people tell future generations what God has done and to love his law then they will not be like who? What was true of the previous generation?

*Leader's Note: They were stubborn. They were rebellious. They were not steadfast. They were not faithful.*

6. What does the next generation need from us?
7. Can you think of someone in your own life who demonstrated authentic faith and lived it out everyday? What do you remember about them?

## **Challenge:**

1. Next month, we will be talking more about God's Story and Your Story. Start today, praying and thinking through what God has done in the past and how He created you, redeemed you, and is in the process of restoring you.
2. Pray and consider serving in our Next Generation spaces—KIDS and MVMT Students. Every week we have thousands joining us on campus to hear about God and see authentic faith demonstrated in the hearts of adults just like you.

**Serve in Kids:** <https://www.firstorlando.com/kids/>

**Serve in MVMT:** <https://www.firstorlando.com/students/>

3. Close today by praying for students, parents, teachers, ministry leaders, and volunteers who serve our next generation.

