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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 06.30.24 Pulpit Curriculum

The Glory of God in the Next Generation

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Main Passage: Psalm 78:1-8

Big Idea: God has given us a plan to disciple the next generation...are we following it?

1) **Who will do it? (vv. 1-3)**: This is a teaching Psalm where Asaph leads God's people. This "give ear" is asking whether the hearer is listening and being obedient. God speaks to His people through parables, but expository teaching stops in the moment if the people are not expository listening and focused to obey (Matt 13). We are a collective body, living stones, and a family for the discipleship of the next generation, the primary means of God's plan.

A. Create a list of people who have impacted your life, marriage, children, parenting, etc. Reach out to a few people and thank them. _____

B. Based on your season of life (single, married, w/ kids, empty nesters, widowed, etc.) how can you contribute to the next generation at the Grove? What lies are you telling yourself that would hinder your responsibility to be involved in discipling others? _____

2) **What will we say? (vv. 4)**: We will tell of the glorious deeds of the Lord (v4) and are not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God (Rom 1:16). We should have Gospel Clarity, leading to Gospel Confidence and a life lived with Gospel Conviction. It is God's people teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a "big God, little us" church, and are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to the Scriptures alone. We are not the hero of the story.

C. What are some of your thoughts when you consider taking responsibility in training the next generation? _____

D. Describe the spectrum of Gospel Clarity (Gospel Clarity, Confidence, Conviction). Where are you on that spectrum? _____



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- 3) What will they share (vv. 5-6): What we win our children with, is what they will teach the next generation. If we do not teach our children, the world will be happy to teach them and blind them to the eternal truths of God (Col 1:15-17 (Big God); Rom 3:10 ("little man")).
- E. Who is someone from another generation that has encouraged you or invested in you? How have they impacted your walk with the Lord? _____

- F. What are you sharing with the next generation and how are you sharing it? _____

- 4) Why does it matter? (v. 7): Christianity is a thinking man's game where we teach the next generation of the knowledge of God (Head), praying that God would impact their hearts (Heart) in conviction through the Holy Spirit, leading to biblical repentance, resulting in obedient lives and making disciples (Hands) – **All to the Glory of God.**
- A. How precisely and accurately can you communicate the glorious deeds of the Lord? Take time to list attributes of God or gospel doctrines and see if you can define them based on scripture. Who in your Lifegroup can you check your understanding with? _____

- 5) What example will they follow? (v. 8): This is not just to parents with children, but the whole church, to train the next generation. As every part of the body of Christ functions in unity, we are edified and built up together.
- B. Am I a man / woman who is more like Psalm 78:8 or Psalm 78:72? Ask the Lord to help you evaluate yourself and confess this with someone who holds you accountable and encourages you in your walk. _____
- C. What are the "Yet He" (Ps 78:23) moments in your life? Create a list of God's faithfulness to you despite your sinfulness to Him. _____

- D. Read Psalm 78:9-76. Reflect on the contrast between God's peoples' rebellion and God's faithfulness. _____
