

Prioritizing Young People Everywhere
Core Group Discussion Guide
June 3, 2018

Message Overview:

This is the last Sunday in our Growing Young series. Throughout this series we have tried to stress that this series is not about replacing old with young and that effective discipleship requires every age group to work together. In the last message of this series we will take a look at the truth that effective churches prioritize and invest in the young people and families of their congregations. Apart from a commitment to do so, churches will inevitably fail in their attempt to effectively disciple their young people into a mature faith. Jesus understood this, as we will see from the scriptures, and the research confirms it. So, what does it actually look like to Prioritize Young People Everywhere? Well, that's what we will look to unpack on Sunday!

Text:

- Mark 10:13-16

Questions for Discussion:

1. What evidence do you see that our congregation makes prioritizing young people everywhere a reality?
2. In what ways are young people given "load-bearing roles" in our church? What could we do to inspire more of a sense that our church needs the gifts young people uniquely bring?
3. How supported do parents and caregivers feel in our congregation? What might it look like to increase that support?
4. The research found that when it comes to practices that support our congregation growing young, our intentionality trumps what we say is important, and our actual participation trumps both importance and intentionality. What are the ways we put prioritization of young people into action? What are the areas where we may talk about the importance of young people, but often fail to act?
5. How do we help our older people feel involved and valued in the process of Growing Young?