

The Millenials

Initial Observations

- Some of this lesson's points come from the broader Christian community, not specific to any condition or issue at Monte Vista.
- Watch out for anything that encourages the "us vs. them" mentality between age groups.
- Differences between age groups are often inflated in order to bolster a preconceived idea or prejudice.
- Disaster awaits us if we pretend not to care, or refuse to acknowledge the problem!

A Generation That Does Not Know God

- Ephesians 1:15-17
- Revelation 2:4-5
- What happened to the Ephesians in only a single generation? Did they take for granted the faith that their parents passed down to them?
- Have we forgotten that the Christian life hasn't always been this "easy"?

“And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel... And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel. Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord...”

Judges 2:7-10

Failure To Hear Powerful Preaching

- Are we preaching effectively to a generation with an ever-shrinking attention span?
- The challenge is to preach truth with conviction and love (Ephesians 4:15). Being cute and clever will not get the job done (1 Corinthians 1:17).
- Millennials are a generation in need of solid application and godly example.



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- Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- While young people should avoid the blame game, older Christians must acknowledge their responsibility to teach in a way that challenges rather than panders or patronizes.
- The NT confirms this (2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Timothy 4:11-16, Titus 2:1-8).
- “Strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die” (Revelation 3:2)