

Ask for Nations & Generations Recast

In this 2 week series Rick will be recasting our vision, Ask for Nations & Generations by giving us our first annual update. To learn more about the vision, or to learn how you can get involved, check out nationsandgenerations.org.

Week 2: Asking for Generations

1. Rick restated our mission, **to make and grow followers of Jesus**. He also considered seven vision updates toward **Generations goals**. These vision goals are strategies. They are the concrete, quantifiable way a church is pursuing the mission of making and growing followers of Jesus. Why is it so important for the church to have this kind of vision?
2. **“GENERATIONS” EMPHASIS:** 1) *God frequently described Himself as “the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. Our God is a generational God. 2) **Read Psalm 78:3-4, Psalm 145:3-4**. Scriptures like this challenge every generation to care about every generation. 3) **Read Mark 10:13-16**. In Jesus’ encounters with children (Next Gen), he gave them his time, he touched them, he prayed over them. Rick said, *“Realizing that God was once a child, and a teenager should fill us with a great sense of wonder and responsibility.”* How does it affect your view of God to realize that he knows what it’s like to be a child? What resonates with you about how God emphasizes “Generations?”
3. **“GENERATIONS” STATUS:** As you reflect on the update Rick shared on the 7 GENERATIONS goals, what encouraged you the most? Which goal might you personally give more attention and focus in year two?
4. **“GENERATIONS” FOCUS: Read Psalm 78:5-7**. Rick said, *“If the next generation is going to hope, this generation is going to have to help. It starts at home, but it does not end there. It takes a church to raise a child.”* What is your reaction to our NEXT GEN ministry with its emphasis on training children, students, parents, and disciple-makers? What is one next step you plan to take as we partner together to fulfill this part of our vision?
5. Rick closed by saying, *“My granddaughter is going to need my voice. She is going to need yours too. And so, we ask.”* Spend some time praying together for the **GENERATIONS** part of our vision -- nationsandgenerations.org.

