

# EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

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## THE STATE OF GEN Z

- Discouraged
- Defeated
- Despairing
- Deceived

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# 66%

of those who are significantly involved in youth group in high school are no longer even attending church in their twenties

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## THREE REASONS YOUNG ADULTS STAY COMMITTED TO THEIR FAITH

1. They develop strong convictions based on a biblical worldview that addresses real-world challenges.
2. They have caring mentors who demonstrate that it is possible to successfully live out a biblical worldview.
3. They are involved in a vibrant community of people who share their values and life experiences and commit to living godly lives.



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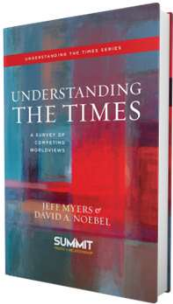
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#1: STRONG CONVICTIONS BASED ON A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

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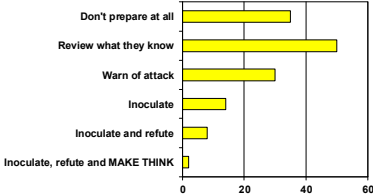
WORLDVIEW:

A pattern of ideas that helps us make sense of God, the world, and our relationship to God and the world.




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WHO CAVES IN WHEN BELIEFS ARE ATTACKED? EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS STRATEGIES.



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NICOLAUS COPERNICUS  
(1473–1543)



“To know the mighty works of God, to comprehend His wisdom and majesty and power; to appreciate, in degree, the wonderful workings of His laws, surely all this must be a pleasing and acceptable mode of worship to the Most High.”

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C.U.E. CONVERSATION

- I’m **Curious**: “What are you noticing about what your generation believes about God and the truth?”
- I **Understand**: “I remember feeling out of place when I talked about my belief in God. I wish I had been bolder.”
- I **Envision**: “I see you as the kind of person who trusts God with your doubts and seeks to find the truth.”

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#2: CARING MENTORS WHO DEMONSTRATE HOW TO LIVE OUT A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

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I NEED OLD PEOPLE

And they need me.

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QUESTIONS

- “I’d like to hear your story.”
- “What are some of the important lessons you’ve learned?”
- “What do you wish you had known when you were my age?”
- “Who are some of the people who help you gain wisdom?”

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C.U.E. CONVERSATION

- I’m **Curious**: “Who are some trusted adults you think you could talk to about your questions and hope for the future? How can I help make the connection?”
- I **Understand**: “I remember feeling confused about my purpose in life. I wish I had been more confident to ask wise people more questions.”
- I **Envision**: “I see you as the kind of person who is curious and wants to learn and won’t let fear get in your way of seeking wisdom.”

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#3: A VIBRANT COMMUNITY THAT LIVES CONSISTENTLY WITH AN AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

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THE CHURCH IS A BODY

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 - For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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### THREE REASONS WHY GEN Z IS RETURNING TO CHURCH:

- Leadership: finding people who can show them how their faith logically applies to life
- Meaning: connecting with God to find purpose in life
- Relationship: making friends and finding community

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### C.U.E. CONVERSATION

- I'm **Curious**: "I've heard that a lot of people quit going to church when they leave home. Has that happened to your friends? What are your own thoughts about how you can stay strong in your faith?"
- I **Understand**: "I remember feeling intimidated in finding a church when I became an adult. I didn't realize that the church needed me as much as I needed it."
- I **Envision**: "I see you as the kind of person who sets your fear and mistrust aside and seeks out a place where you can make friends and find older adults who can help you be successful."

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### PRAYER GUIDE

<b>Sun</b> Pray that these minds will be sharpened. God wants us to love him with our minds. It is never God's will that we learn to deny, so that we may think less. "Father, in Jesus's name, I pray that my child will learn to value and discern from Galatians 1:7-9. Take every thought captive (Colossians 3:2), and be taken captive (Colossians 2:6), and be the kind of person who helps others be set free." (2 Timothy 2:24-26)	<b>Mon</b> Pray that they will have hope. Hope is our deposit on the eternal destiny God has promised. Hope makes people resilient, builds mental health, promotes good deeds, and inspires positive emotions. "Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray for the miracle of hope to my child's mind and soul. Give them the wisdom to know how much they mean to you. To claim the living hope that you promise through the resurrection of Jesus (1 Peter 1:3) and to overflow with hope through your Holy Spirit" (Romans 8:26)	<b>Tue</b> Pray that they will acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Jesus said that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him (Matthew 28:18). "Father, I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, that my child will acknowledge Jesus as Lord of everything, every aspect of life, and experience the joy of being transformed in every way to be like the Lord Jesus."	<b>Wed</b> Pray for perseverance in the face of trials. Because God has granted us eternal life, we can know that our momentary trials purify us like fine gold (1 Peter 1:7). "Father, you say in your word that our trials bring praise, honor, and glory to your son, Jesus. I pray in his name that each trial my child faces today will turn to gold, that they will be sure of your promise, confident in your love, and that they will be a blessing to everyone they meet."
<b>Thu</b> Pray for hearts to be pure. Jesus said that the pure in heart will be blessed (Matthew 5:8). "Lord Jesus, you said that the pure in heart will see God. I pray that my child's heart will be pure and clean and clear of evil thoughts. I pray that their heart will be joyful and hopeful, especially when things don't go their way."	<b>Fri</b> Pray that they'll love God more. Deuteronomy 6 says, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." " Loving Father, I pray that my child will love you with all their emotions, with everything that makes them alive, and with all of the strength I know you will give them to face whatever comes."	<b>Sat</b> Pray that they'll be people of compassion and grace. God has offered us grace through His Son, Jesus Christ. Becoming like Jesus means allowing the Holy Spirit to enable us to show grace to others. "Holy Spirit, I pray that my child will see themselves more clearly today as your beloved child (1 John 3:2) and that you guide my child today to grow in character by being kind to others, to have a tender heart toward others, to be quick to forgive because your Son has offered them forgiveness" (Ephesians 4:32).	<b>Sots</b> From the book <b>Raising Gender-Confident Kids</b> by Dr. Kathy Minnis and Dr. Jeff Myers <a href="http://www.genderconfidentkids.com">www.genderconfidentkids.com</a> Book published by Summit Ministries visit us at <a href="http://summit.org">summit.org</a>

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