

Sermon Notes

5th November 2017

Being Church: Learning and growing together.



Summary of last week: We are a diverse multi-cultural community, and this creates opportunities to relate to each other and challenges to grow in our understanding of each other.

Introduction

- Today we are looking at the different generations and ages that come together to make up the church community.
- Last Monday pastoral conversations: one with a child & one with an elderly man. Both conversations I learnt something, and I was able to share with them too.
- Scripture encourages these conversations.

Psalm 78:1-8.

We learn the following in the passage:

1. Listen. 'Hear my teaching, listen to the words of my mouth.' (v1).
 - Listen to the stories of the past. Including story of God in scripture and how he worked in others – to warn, to teach, to encourage us.
 - Listen and learn from mature Christians in the church – openness and humility to do this.
 - When speaking to each other across the generations – we have different perspectives - so need to really listen well to each other.

2. Speak. 'We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.' (v4)
 - Speak to the 'next generation' about what God has done for you. Could be 'younger' or 'older' generation – this encourages and builds our faith.
 - Pray for confidence to speak and to share what God has done in our lives with others.
3. Teach children. 'Teach their children...even those yet to be born.' (v5-6)
 - Different contexts in the church we teach children – pray for these opportunities to share.
 - Also in everyday life at home & church. Deuteronomy 6:7 'Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road.' All of us have a responsibility to share with children what God means in our lives.

Your notes

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