

# RAISE THE STRONGEST GENERATION

## ICEBREAKER

How have you seen things in our society rapidly changing for our kids and grandkids?

In what ways are you most excited and most concerned for the next generation?

## PRAYER

Open your time together today praying for the three parts of the Greater Things vision:

- REACH MORE PEOPLE THAN WE EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE
- RAISE THE STRONGEST GENERATION
- PREPARE FOR IMPOSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES

## QUESTIONS

- Read Proverbs 22:6 together. How do we train our children to choose the right way?

PROVERBS 22:6

*Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.*

- Were you shocked or surprised to learn nationally that 2 out of 3 young people are quitting Christianity by age 30? Discuss

people in your life who have fallen into this statistic or ones who have defied these odds.

- Pastor John often references that we desire our children to be warriors of Grace and Truth. This balance of grace and truth comes from John 1:14. Discuss what this means? How do we train our children to be full of God's love (grace) and also His Truth?

JOHN 1:14

*<sup>14</sup> So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

- Whether we like it or not our kids have more screen time than ever before and can find themselves living in two worlds. What is on that screen versus in real life? How are you experiencing this with your kids, grandkids or children in your life? Do you feel the young people in your life are connecting to Jesus on their screens? How can we connect the unchanging Word of God into their digital reality?
- Read together 2 Timothy 3:14-16. Timothy was a second-generation Christian, taught the Word of God by his mother and grandmother at a young age. Why is it critical that parents are equipped to root their children in the freedom, truth and power of Christ? Why is this so challenging for parents in our culture?

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-16

*<sup>14</sup> But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

## PRAYER

This week for your prayer time we would encourage you to seek the Lord together for the children in your life. Have someone designated to open with a simple prayer of “God, we lift these precious children before you, that we would be a church, a community, a movement of people that would defy the odds. That under our watch our children and grandchildren will not turn away from Christianity, but rather cling to the truths of your Word. Father we lift before you .....” and then in a popcorn fashion call out in your prayer circle every child’s name you can think of and lift them before the Lord (kids, grandkids, adult children, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc.). After you have prayed for as many children as you can name, have someone in the group close your time out in prayer.

## BEFORE NEXT WEEK

Talk to a child in your life about technology. What are their favorite apps, what online personalities do they follow and how are they connecting with “friends” via a device? Do they know of any Christian voices or influencers?