



## **BiG iDEA SMALL GROUP DiSCUSSiON GiDE**

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

**06.12/13.10 // To Save a Family: Leaving a Legacy**

**BiG iDEA: : *Pass the faith on to the next generation.***

// **Ice Breaker** \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 1: Who was someone that influenced you as you grew up? How did they influence you?**

**Option 2: What are some of your favorite summertime family activities?**

// **Questions for Discussion** \_\_\_\_\_

### **1. 2 Timothy 2: 2**

The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

**Why is it important to entrust someone reliable?**

**How can you tell if someone is reliable?**

**What happens when they teach others?**

### **2. Psalm 78: 1 - 7**

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old- what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**What are we told to do?**

**What are the results?**

**How far in the future does this reach?**

### 3. Judges 2: 10

After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel.

**How would an entire generation grow up and not know the Lord?**

**How can we make God relevant in our families' lives?**

**What are some reasons that children don't follow their parents and go to church when they grow up?**

### 4. Proverbs 13: 22

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

**What type of inheritance does a good man leave to his descendants?**

**What would describe a good man in this verse?**

### 5. An American Bible Society survey of teens said that parents were the most important role model (68%). Celebrities were only 16%.

**Why do you think teens saw their parents as their most important role models?**

**What would be some good characteristics of a good role model? Of a bad one?**

**Why do teens sometimes look other places for role models and advice?**

## **HOW TO INFLUENCE THE NEXT GENERATION**

### **Play Your Part in Your Own Generation**

#### 6. Acts 13: 36

When David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep....

**Why do you think it is important to faithfully follow God if we want to reach the next generation?**

**What would they think of someone who preached about God, but didn't live any differently than the rest of the world?**

**How does serving at Southpoint help us fulfill God's purpose in our lives?**

#### 7. Psalm 71: 18

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation.

**What are some ways to declare God's power to the next generation?**

**Do you think there is such a thing as retirement from doing God's work? Why or why not?**

### **Care About the Next Generation**

#### 8. What are some ways we can show younger generations that we care about them?

**What things does Southpoint do for the youth that we can tap into to show we care?**

**A bumper sticker said 'People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.' What was meant by that?**

Invest in a Few

9. Psalm 145: 4

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

What would be 'mighty acts' in this day and age?

Brett said that raising up Godly children was certainly good. But, he challenged us to influence a whole generation. What are ways we can do this?

// Application \_\_\_\_\_

Read and commit to memory . Psalm 145: 4

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

What will YOU do to influence the next generation? Make it real, make it definite. Write it down.

// Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

That those who are older will reach out to the younger generations to influence them to follow God.  
That those who are young will seek out those who are older to mentor them.

