Raising Gen Z

Who Is Gen Z?

* 2nd Core Commitment of Churches that are Growing Young – Empathize with Young People
* Strauss and Howe Generational Theory
* What Does This Mean for Gen Z?
  + The World They Are Growing Up in Is…
    - Constant and Increasing Crisis
    - Tech-Driven Landscape
    - Excessive Surveillance and Lack of Protection – ever present, but disengaged
    - Increasingly Diverse and Globally Aware
  + The Active Effect of this on Gen Z
    - A Longer Race
      * A Later Finish Line
      * An Earlier Starting Line
    - Human Needs for Identity, Belonging, and Purpose
      * Stressful Delay in Identity Development
      * Frustrating Quest for Belonging
      * Confusing Path to Purpose
* Barna on the Results of this on Gen Z
* Approach Gen Z with…
  + Authenticity
  + Honesty
  + Humility
  + Care
* Homework – Take some time this week to listen to Gen Z. Listen for their heartbeat. This isn’t a time for you to teach them, but for you to learn about them. Make note of what you learn and the similarities and differences you may have. How could you leverage the similarities and reconcile the differences as you help young people develop a vibrant faith?
  + Sit with a highschooler or young adult and ask them questions about their view of the world
    - How do you measure a successful or meaningful life?
    - What do you see as the path to achieve your goals?
    - What are some of the strengths of your generation?
    - What are some of the things in the world (technology, arts, politics, etc.) that are helpful for your generation?
    - What are some of the weaknesses of your generation?
    - What are some of the things in the world (technology, arts. politics, etc.) that are set-backs to your generation?
  + Or look up some of these videos on YouTube:
    - Living as Gen Z: From Fear to Positive Change | Madi Hammond | TEDxMacatawa
    - How Gen Z Will Shake Up the Workforce | Talent on Tap
    - Inside What Gen Z Is All About | TODAY
    - What Makes "Generation Z" So Different? | Harry Beard | TEDxAstonUniversity