

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

April 16/17, 2016; Script

Speaker:

Pastor Steffen Humbert

Scripture Focus: Psalm 71:17-19

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed that we have the power to pave the way for younger generations. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: Who do you think has made the most impact in your life?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend's message?
3. In what ways did David's Psalm 71 speak to you about the power of your words for multiple generations?

Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Steffen provided statistics that reveal a lot about today's millennial generation: "85% of the silent generation (born 1928-1945) call themselves Christians, while just 56% of today's younger millennials (born 1990-1996) do the same, even though the vast majority (about 8 in 10) were raised in religious households. What are your thoughts about these statistics today? Do they surprise you?
2. Just as our students are watching you as an example of the Church, the same is true for our neighbors, our friends, and our coworkers. Have you ever thought about being the example as the Church? What does it mean to live godly lives as an example?
3. Too often, we hear negative words used to describe Christians. As Pastor Steffen said, "Some people have a bad taste in their mouths." What characteristics do you think Christians should have that will make people want a relationship with Christ? What characteristics do you think we should possess that will help others feel like they belong

in the Church?

4. Psalm 71: 18 states we have a responsibility to declare the wonders of God even through our older years. Whether you are an older generation or younger generation of the Church, what are ways you can continue to “proclaim God's might to another generation”?

5. Pastor Steffen said, “Surely our proclamation becomes the next generations pavement.” How are you paving the way for a youth to walk behind you in your footsteps?

6. Who paved the way for you to be where you are today? Whose testimony had the most influence in your life? Have you ever thought about your testimony influencing another's life?

7. Sice is the new “hip” terminology that means to endorse and encourage. Who is someone you can “sice” or endorse by paving the way for them?

Challenge:

What are some ways you can get involved in the lives of youth? Maybe you could start serving in Cross Walk Kids or at Uprising. Maybe you want to mentor a boy or girl in school. Find a way to serve and get more involved in a different generation than your own.

Read, Pray, Act:

Pray about whose script God may be asking you to pave the way for.

Find a reading plan and begin reading it daily. Set a reminder at the same time each day to get into Scripture and read a little bit each day. You can find a reading plan at <http://www.youversion.com>.