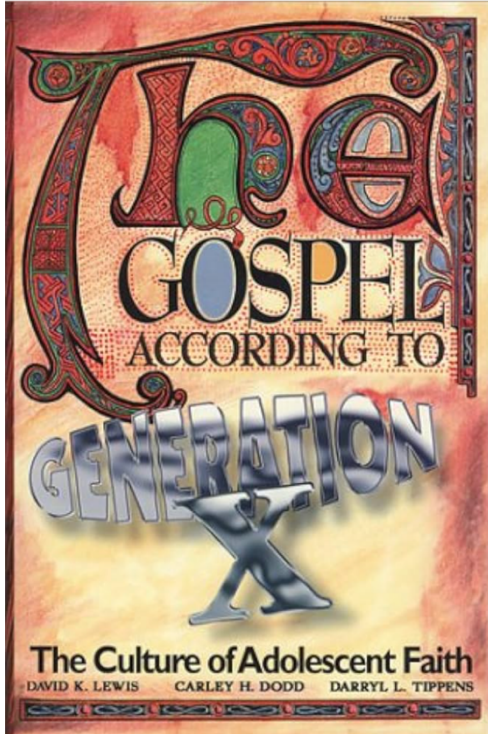


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thirty years ago, my professors at Abilene Christian University completed a group of studies with over 4,000 church of Christ teenagers. The culmination of the studies was the book below here—*The Gospel According to Generation X*. (If you grew up as a teen in churches of Christ, you may have been a part of these studies.)



You should be receiving this note from your youth minister/youth volunteer/volunteer parent(s), or maybe even your preacher. This note is seeking your permission to let your teen(s) take my new survey.

The purpose of this study is to gain insights about our church of Christ teenagers. I also will be comparing their answers with the answers teens gave 30 years ago.

The questions in the survey come from the following sources: Several are straight from the study done 30 years ago. A few are from the Fuller Youth Initiative study on Gen Alpha. Thirty years ago, in the original study there were no questions about digital media or mental health. I have added some of those in this current study. I have had several moms go over the questions and took their advice on additions, deletions, and corrections. The Fuller Youth Institute also gave me feedback and allowed me to use some of their survey questions.

I would be so grateful to you if you would allow your teen(s) to take this survey. Please let your teen know and your youth minister know that it is okay to proceed. Their answers are totally anonymous. There is no way they can be traced back. I am hoping that will encourage them to give their best, most honest answer.

I am a parent of two boys. They had a great youth group experience and as adults with their own children, are very faithful to their church and their weekly life group. So, I am very thankful for you. I pray God's blessings on you and your family as you navigate these years with your children.

Sincerely,

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