

Sermon Notes | RPC Central Campus
“Say Yes” Max McCalley
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Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Say Yes

1. You are God’s primary plan for discipling the next generation.

-Deuteronomy 6:4-6

-Psalm 145:3-5

2. Where we are hesitant, resistant, or reject our responsibility to lead and serve the generation behind us, there is significant and devastating spiritual decay.

Barna defines **practicing Christians** as those who:

- identify as Christian
- attend church at least monthly
- agree strongly that faith is very important in their lives

These metrics capture the intersection of identity, belief and behavior. Yet today only one in four (24%) U.S. adults meets all three criteria for being a practicing Christian—a 22-point decline over 25 years.

3. Why now?

-Text "Yes" to 97891 and serve!

Discussion Questions/Reflections
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- 1. How are you teaching the next generation diligently, including Biblical truths, practical life skills, etc?**
- 2. What are some things that cause us to be hesitant to lead or serve the next generation? How do you overcome them?**
- 3. What are some ways you talk and walk with the next generation in daily life?**
- 4. Share an activity that led to deeper discussion or a “win” with your kids, extended family, or friends’ kids.**
- 5. How can your SG include your children of all ages in your SG meetings?**

Invite them to participate with prayer requests (older ones can record them and send them out to members).

Have a responsible child take attendance

Invite children to participate or even lead the icebreaker questions

Invite them to ask some of the discussion questions, even if you give them the questions. For older children, invite them to craft a discussion question after reading/watching part of the curriculum.

Invite children to come up with a service project.

Make one meeting time during the month (or similar) dedicated to complete children involvement.

Designate time for socials that include children.

Personal Reflection:

Josh gave an analogy about lifting heavy things repeatedly and callouses forming on your hands. Ask God to show you where your heart has calloused, where have you gone numb? Pray that He opens your eyes to next steps toward humility and healing.