

4. In the space below write out your “earnest” prayer for GENERATIONZ—our God-sized dream here at Christ Church to reach the next generation for Jesus Christ. How is God’s Spirit prompting you to team up with your brothers and sisters in Christ to make this dream a reality?

**Further Scriptures for focused prayer—**

- Remember your spiritual leaders and pray for them (Hebrews 13:7)
- Pray for civic and world leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- Pray for God’s Kingdom to come, His will on earth like in heaven (Matthew 6:10)
- Pray for the LORD of Harvest to send more workers into His fields (Matthew 9:38)

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Text: Acts 1: 6-8, Acts: 2: 14-21, 36-41

## The Plain Truth

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is fulfilled through people like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Let’s look at the dream:

- 1) God’s \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Dream \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Dream still in the \_\_\_\_\_

### This is how we will Live Out God’s Dream: --- Generationz

- 1) We are Raising \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Raising \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Raising Up Generationz of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Total \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Total \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Total \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit

### WHAT IT TAKES TO SERVE AS A TEAM

- T \_\_\_\_\_
- E \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_
- M \_\_\_\_\_

**One Year Bible Reading**

- Mar. 1: Leviticus 24:1-25:46, Mark 10:13-31, Psalm 44:9-26, Proverbs 10:20-21
- Mar. 2: Leviticus 25:47-27:13, Mark 10:32-52, Psalm 45:1-17, Proverbs 10:22
- Mar. 3: Leviticus 27:14-Numbers 1:54, Mark 11:1-26, Psalm 46:1-11, Proverbs 10:23
- Mar. 4: Numbers 2:1-3:51, Mark 11:27-12:17, Psalm 47:1-9, Proverbs 10:24-25
- Mar. 5: Numbers 4:1-5:31, Mark 12:18-37, Psalm 48:1-14, Proverbs 10:26
- Mar. 6: Numbers 6:1-7:89, Mark 12:38-13:13, Psalm 49:1-20, Proverbs 10:27-28
- Mar. 7: Numbers 8:1-9:23, Mark 13:14-37, Psalm 50:1-23, Proverbs 10:29-30



February 28 & March 1, 2015

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Life Group Lesson

• Week of March 1

In a few years, you and I will no longer be taking up space on the planet. It is a sobering reality, but one which should motivate us to look beyond ourselves from time-to-time. Not everything we deem valuable now will be valuable in the end. In actuality, it is our relationship with Jesus Christ, and how we have lived in grateful response to His love and grace, that will really matter. Do you love and adore your Lord? Do you love others—people different from you, but people for whom Christ also died to save? What will the world look like when your children grow up?

Great leaders know who is ultimately at the helm of eternity. Because they know their gifts and position of leadership have been given to them by God, they honor the Lord by being good stewards and investing in others. When time is of the essence, and they see the passing on of the mantle imminently approaching, they use what time they have left to prepare with urgency the next generation. The Bible gives us such examples as Moses, Joshua, David, Paul, and of course, the Lord Jesus.

## Read Acts 1:6-8 and Acts 2:14-21, 36-41

1. Peter shouts to the crowd the Good News of Christ and quotes from the prophet Joel: “ ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy’ ” (Acts 2:17-18). What (who) fuels the witness and influence of a prevailing church in the world?

God has promised in the last days to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh—this includes you and me. Imagine a scale of 1 – 10. Where are you on the scale—how well are you availing yourself to the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit on a daily, hourly, moment-by-moment basis? How is the outpouring of God’s Spirit in your life affecting you in the following areas:

- turning from sin (Acts 2:38)
- forgiving others from your heart (Matthew 18:32-35)
- worshiping with clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:3-6)
- selflessly serving others out of gratitude and joy (1 Peter 4:10)

Doing good can replace old, sinful habits in your life. And taking your family along with you to serve others in the name of Christ is like on-the-job-training. Through selfless acts of service your children see how the needs of humanity exceed their own little world, how one act of kindness can bring hope and forever change a life (and eventually a culture). Christ died so you could be set free from sin—and He calls you to use that freedom *not to sin* but “to serve one another in love.” If you allow the Holy Spirit to guide your life, then “you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves” (see Galatians 5:13-16).

2. Think of a time you took your children (and perhaps even their friends) along with you to serve in the name of Christ. What did your children learn from that experience?

What did you learn from that experience?

Thoughtfully consider how Christ-centered service will engage this next generation. What is your God-sized vision for Generation Z (children who are currently 13 years old and younger)?

Because God raised Jesus from the dead, Christ is now “exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven.” God the Father has given His Son—our Lord Jesus Christ—the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us! (see Acts 2:32-33). One of the first persons to be set ablaze by fire from heaven was the apostle Peter. Read what Peter has to say about our prayer life, living in these last days, using our God-given gifts, and loving one another in **1 Peter 4:7-11**.

3. According to 1 Peter 4:7 how should we approach our prayers?

According to 1 Peter 4:8 why should we keep loving one another?

According to 1 Peter 4:9 how should we go about showing hospitality?

According to 1 Peter 4:10 how should we use our God-given gifts?

According to 1 Peter 4:11 who gets the glory when we’re living for God?

Bill Hybels, pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, has said the local church is the hope of the world when it’s working right. God wants us to be of one mind with hearts focused on His dream—the redemption of the world. Moses revved up his engines in the two years preceding his departure. Joshua saw his time approaching and boldly called the people to decide whom they would serve. David passed on a dream as well as a wealth of treasures to Solomon for the building of the Temple. Paul poured into Timothy. Jesus commissioned his disciples—ordinary people—including a few fishermen, a former zealot and former tax collector. Truly, God’s dream is fulfilled through people like you and me.