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Dear Youth and Young Adult Leaders,

As we step into a new year of ministry, it's with a profound sense of purpose that we ECHO Jesus. This publication, deeply rooted in the Seventh-day Adventist faith, is dedicated to equipping you with innovative and authentic approaches to engage with Generation Z, reflecting Jesus' enduring love, transformative life, and purposeful labor. This generation, though often labeled "post-Christian," paradoxically shows a "groundswell of commitment to Jesus" and a burgeoning "spiritual awakening". They are actively seeking answers to life's most fundamental questions and valuing integrity, yet also face the challenge of disengagement from traditional faith due to relational. intellectual, and cultural factors.

It is precisely here that youth and young adult leaders hold a truly critical and indispensable role. Your role extends beyond mere instruction. You are the facilitators of profound spiritual transformation, guiding young minds as they navigate complex questions and intellectual challenges. By cultivating environments where questions and doubts are not only tolerated but welcomed and explored with intellectual engagement, you can help transform skepticism into a more robust, personally owned, and resilient faith. This involves not just providing answers, but teaching critical thinking and demonstrating how a Christ-centered worldview offers comprehensive and compelling responses to life's deepest queries.

Within the pages of the 2026 Launchpad we, the Florida Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministries, hope to offer thoughtful insights and practical strategies to amplify these inherent values authenticity, social justice, and genuine connection—through a Christ-centered worldview. Our aim is to empower emerging adults to not only understand their faith but to actively "walk with Jesus" in a questioning world, confidently embracing and living out their faith.

May God richly bless your vital ministry as we endeavor together to ECHO Jesus' Love, Life, and Labor!

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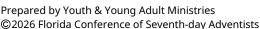






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2026

January

- 10 BUILT On-Site South | Miami
- 10 FARM Basketball Season Starts | Statewide
- 20 at 7:00 pm Global Youth Day Showcase | BUILT Live
- 23-25 NAD: Young Adult LIFE Tour | Louisville, KY

February

- 6-7 NAD: Sabbath School Conference | Virtual
- 11 Youth Professional Gathering State | Miami

March

- 2-5 NAD: Youth & YA Dir. Summit | Birmingham, AL
- 21 Global Youth Day Celebration | Facebook, YouTube
- 31-02 NAD: 180 Symposium | AU & Zoom

April

- 17-19 FC: Campmeeting: English | Camp Kulaqua
- 24-26 FC: Campmeeting: Spanish | Camp Kulaqua

May

• 02 - Miami/Dade Regional Rally | Miami

June

- 12-15 NAD: Y & YA Playbook Training | Virtual
- 28 State Youth & Young Adult Leader Social | Central

July

• 03-06 - Haitian Youth Retreat | Camp Kulaqua

August

- 30-02 College Retreat | Camp Kulaqua
- 15 BUILT On-Site Central | Conference Office
- 20-23 AYP Conference | TBD

September

- 10-12 NAD: Sabbath School Conf. | Virtual
- 11-13 ACF Leader Summit | Camp Kulaqua
- 15 <u>Gulf Regional Rally</u> | Sarasota

October

• 08-11 - High School Bible Retreat Retreat | Camp Kulaqua

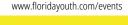
November

- 07 Northeast Regional Rally | Jacksonville
- 08-14 GC: eWeek of Prayer | Virtual

December

• 05 - Christmas Toy Drive | Jacksonville

A new <u>BUILT Live</u> Online Training is provided <u>every 1st</u> <u>and 3rd Tuesday of the month</u> except June and July.





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Guiding Gen Z to Authentic Faith in a Questioning World

Beyond fleeting trends, our youth are earnestly seeking authentic spirituality and leaders who embody their faith, offering an unparalleled opportunity to connect them with the enduring truths of the everlasting gospel.

As we look ahead to a new year of ministry, it's with a sense of vibrant purpose that we consider how best to connect with the hearts and minds of Generation Z. Our theme, deeply rooted in the Seventh-day Adventist faith, calls us to embrace innovative and authentic approaches, reflecting Jesus' enduring love, transformative life, and purposeful labor

This generation presents a fascinating paradox. Often labeled "post-Christian" due to disengagement from traditional religious institutions, they simultaneously exhibit a "groundswell of commitment to Jesus" and a burgeoning "spiritual awakening". This isn't a generation of apathy, but one deeply curious about spirituality, actively seeking answers to life's most fundamental questions, valuing integrity over indifference. They are, as we explore in the following three articles, poised to truly ECHO Jesus' Love, Life, and Labor.

Prioritizing Authenticity

One of the clearest calls from recent research is the absolute necessity of authenticity. Generation Z values emotional honesty, vulnerability, and what they term "neo-sincerity".

They are exceptionally skilled at discerning genuine authenticity from superficiality, rejecting "picture perfect" facades and craving leaders who "actually live what they preach". This means we must embody transparency, address difficult questions headon, and avoid "performative churchspeak" or superficial presentations of faith.

As we delve deeper into this in Beyond the Platitudes: Meeting Jesus Amidst Spiritual Curiosity and Existential Questions, we'll see how Jesus Himself provides the ultimate model of authentic leadership. He pursued the ignored, spoke truth without coercion, and served without selfpromotion, consistently stepping into the "mess" of the world with humility and compassion. This radical transparency, even about personal struggles, fosters a deeper connection and trust than any facade of perfection.

Cultivating Transformative Community and Mentorship

Gen Z's inherent desire for community and belonging is fundamental. If the church fails to provide genuinely inclusive, welcoming, and safe environments, young people will naturally seek it elsewhere. The good news is that narratives of reengagement and deepening faith consistently underscore the transformative power of authentic community and vulnerable mentorship.

In Navigating the Secular Landscape: Equipping Youth to 'Walk with Jesus' in a Questioning World, we emphasize creating consistent rhythms of community, such as small groups and retreats, where young adults feel seen, heard, and valued, and where doubts and struggles are met with empathy. This goes beyond mere attendance; it's about integrating emerging adults into core church life through meaningful responsibilities and leadership roles. Consider the impact of intergenerational relationships, like Harold's story, where consistent, mutual engagement transformed a "distant elder" into a "kind of friend," building trust and deep sharing. This sense of belonging can even precede explicit doctrinal adherence, serving as a powerful entry point to deeper spiritual growth.

Channeling Passion into Social Justice

Generation Z is recognized as "the activist generation," profoundly committed to social justice issues such as healthcare access, racial inequities, and climate change. A Christ-centered worldview can powerfully amplify this passion.

Our last article, Authentic Action: Working with Jesus for Justice and Connection in a Disillusioned World, explores this vital area, demonstrating how churches can effectively utilize social justice as a bridge to the Gospel. We address a core value of this generation by showing how biblical principles are foundational to justice and pointing to Jesus as the ultimate example of loving others and advocating for the marginalized. Moving beyond rhetoric to realworld impact, tangible action directly counteracts perceptions of irrelevance and hypocrisy. Stories like Ana Machado's experience sharing God's Word in a correctional facility exemplify this compassionate service leading to transformation. We are called to channel their passion for justice into a pursuit of holistic shalom, addressing root causes of suffering with Christ-like compassion and systemic action.

Leveraging Digital Platforms and Intellectual Engagement

As digital natives, online platforms are Gen Z's primary discovery channels for spiritual exploration. Churches must "get online, learn their language, and meet them in their digital domains". This isn't just about presence; it's about delivering biblical truths through compelling, relatable content such as videos, podcasts, and interactive apps. The "Saved-ish" podcast, for instance, provides a safe space for open, honest dialogue about life issues, fostering conversation rather than didactic preaching.

Furthermore, while Gen Z may be skeptical, they are often curious and open to honest questions about complex theological matters. As we prepare to Navigate the Secular Landscape, we acknowledge the importance of developing comprehensive apologetics and worldview formation programs that proactively address intellectual skepticism, science-faith tensions, and contemporary social issues from a biblically grounded perspective. Creating safe spaces where questions are not punished, and doubt, grief, and healing are welcome, is vital.



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An Inspiring Path Forward

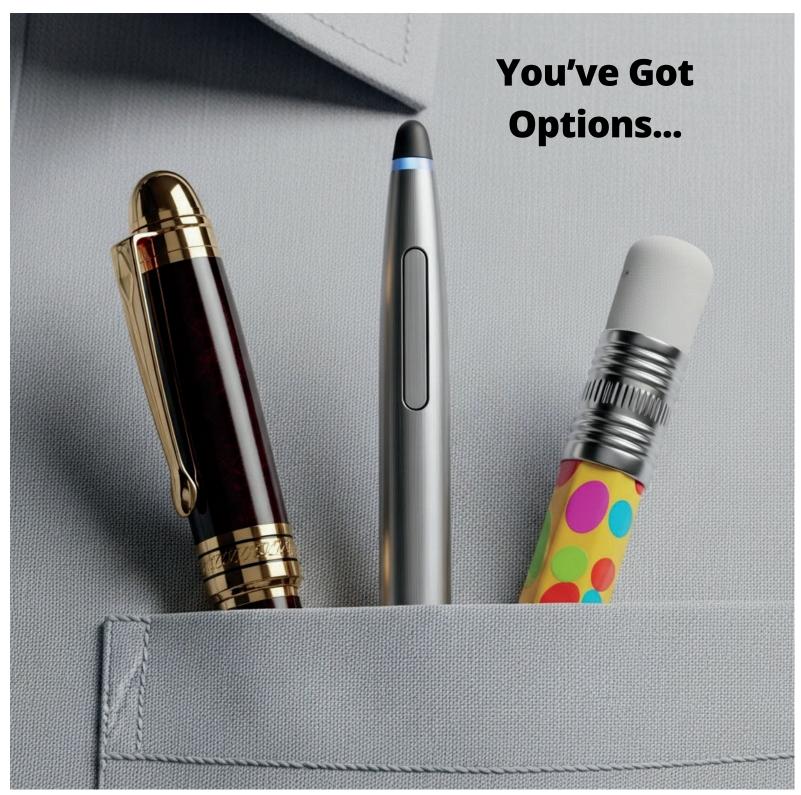
The research clearly indicates that Gen Z's core values—authenticity, social justice, and genuine connection—are deeply resonant with and can be powerfully amplified by a Christ-centered worldview. The "unexpected revival" among them, particularly among young men, signals an undeniable hunger for genuine spiritual truth and a personal relationship with Jesus. As youth and young adult leaders, this presents a unique opportunity for our church to meet Gen Z where they are, listen empathetically to their struggles, and offer the transformative hope of the Gospel. By adopting these intentional and integrated strategies—prioritizing authenticity, fostering genuine community and mentorship, embracing social justice as a Gospel imperative, and leveraging digital platforms

alongside intellectual engagement—we can collectively empower a generation of emerging adults who not only understand their faith but actively "walk with Jesus" in a questioning world.

Let us resolve to cultivate environments where young people are not just taught, but deeply experienced, fully engaged, and passionately empowered to share the vibrant reality of walking with Jesus in their world. The future of our church is bright, and with God's blessing, we can truly empower them to confidently embrace and live out their faith. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ, living out a faith that is both deeply personal and profoundly social.

May God bless your vital ministry as we step into the next year, ready to **ECHO Jesus' Love, Life, and Labor** in every aspect of our youth and young adult initiatives!











Digital Evangelism



Youth & Young Adult Discipleship



BEYOND THE PLATITUDES

Echoing Jesus Amidst Spiritual Curiosity and Existential Questions



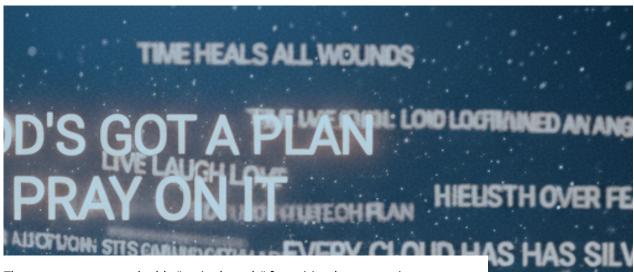
In our important work of nurturing faith in the hearts of young people, we often face a spiritual landscape that can seem quite perplexing. Generation Z, those born between 1997 and 2012, is frequently labeled the "first truly 'post-Christian generation'" due to their growing disengagement from traditional religious institutions. Yet, recent research reveals a truly **compelling counter-narrative**: a remarkable "groundswell of commitment to Jesus" and a burgeoning "spiritual awakening" within this very cohort.

This apparent paradox isn't a contradiction but an invitation. Our youth are not hostile to faith; they are, in fact, "spiritually curious but unattached to organized religion". While many may not identify as Christian, a significant number—nearly 30% of "nones"—still report a personal commitment to Jesus. The Barna Group's "State of the Church 2025" even indicates that commitment to Jesus among Gen Z men has jumped 15 points since 2019, marking the first time such spiritual interest is being led by younger generations.

As digital natives, their spiritual exploration often begins online, and they approach inherited issues with a pragmatic attitude, driven by a powerful desire for **authenticity and relevance**.

The spiritual awakening among Gen Z is distinct: it's described as "quiet, personal, unconventional, and hopeful". They are drawn to Jesus but approach the structures built around Him with skepticism. This generation is deeply curious about what feels honest, relevant, and unafraid of difficult questions, such as how Jesus relates to real-life issues like mental health, injustice, identity, and purpose. Their desire is not apathy, but integrity; they want to "figure it out for themselves" rather than simply "fake it". The disruptions of the pandemic further prompted deeper questions about meaning and purpose, contributing to an unprecedented desire for spiritual growth and belief in a supernatural dimension.

For Gen Z, "Meeting with Jesus" often transcends traditional conversion experiences, beginning instead with "sacred moments"—experiences of connection to something greater, awe in nature, or deep human connection.



These moments are valuable "springboards" for spiritual conversations, allowing them to "taste and see that the Lord is good". Our approach must emphasize **listening to their experiences**, **sharing personal faith authentically**, **and fostering relationships** for spiritual exploration.

Furthermore, "Falling in Love with Jesus" for Gen Z may not involve an immediate, public declaration of faith, but a slower journey of vulnerability and growing intimacy. This mirrors their approach to relationships in general, characterized by fluidity and a tendency to avoid formal commitment. It signifies a personal, cultivated relationship marked by trust, a heart stirred with desire to connect with God beyond mere obligation, even amidst "messy prayer" or the absence of immediate feelings. The profound realization for many is that true joy and peace come only through Jesus, moving beyond the emptiness found in worldly pursuits like materialism and social media validation. This "quiet ache of their hearts" is a deep hunger for the relationship with God for which they were created.

Interestingly, there's a growing appeal of "harder" Christianity among some in Gen Z, particularly traditional forms like Orthodoxy, which offer "structure and continuity—rigid, unbending traditions that require frequent confession, prescribed prayers, fasting, and long worship services". This appeal stems from a desire for **rigor and rootedness in an unstable world**. Personal testimonials on social media highlight that the "harder" aspects of Christian faith, such as discipline and self-denial, are not perceived as burdens but as invitations to freedom and genuine spiritual growth, contrasting sharply with the superficiality of fleeting cultural trends. Jesus Christ emerges as the uniquely compelling and authentic answer, offering ultimate fulfillment for their search for identity, purpose, and peace —a joy and peace that worldly pursuits cannot provide.

So, how do we, as Seventh-day Adventist youth and young adult leaders, effectively engage this deeply spiritual, yet skeptical, generation?

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The research offers clear implications for our ministries:

- Prioritize Authenticity: We must embody transparency, address difficult questions head-on, and avoid "performative churchspeak" or superficial presentations of faith. Gen Z values what feels honest, relevant, and unafraid of hard questions.
- Meet Them Where They Are: Leverage digital platforms, which
 are their primary discovery channels. Acknowledge and validate
 their "sacred moments" as potential springboards for deeper
 spiritual conversations. Patience is key, as their journey towards
 commitment may be slower, akin to their approach to intimate
 relationships.
- Address Core Existential Needs: Frame the message of faith as
 the ultimate answer to their anxieties, their search for identity,
 and their deep desire for purpose and belonging. Highlight how
 faith in Christ offers security, freedom from comparison, and a
 healthy relationship with life's blessings.
- Embrace and Communicate Depth: Instead of shying away from demanding aspects of faith, let's offer robust spiritual practices and a challenging, yet liberating, call to discipleship. Demonstrate that true faith is not "easy" but "real" and transformative, offering genuine "spiritual transformation" and "depth of character".
- Focus on Jesus, Distinct from Institutions: It is absolutely crucial to continue presenting Jesus as distinct from the institutional baggage that Gen Z often associates with "Christianity." Highlighting His compelling nature and direct relevance to their real-life concerns—mental health, injustice, identity, purpose—is vital for drawing them into a personal relationship with Him.

Ultimately, Gen Z's spiritual curiosity and profound existential questions are not obstacles but open doors. By understanding their unique spiritual landscape and presenting Jesus Christ as the authentic, deeply fulfilling answer to their deepest longings, we have a profound opportunity to witness a generation genuinely seeking truth and finding it in Him. Let us prayerfully and enthusiastically embrace this call!



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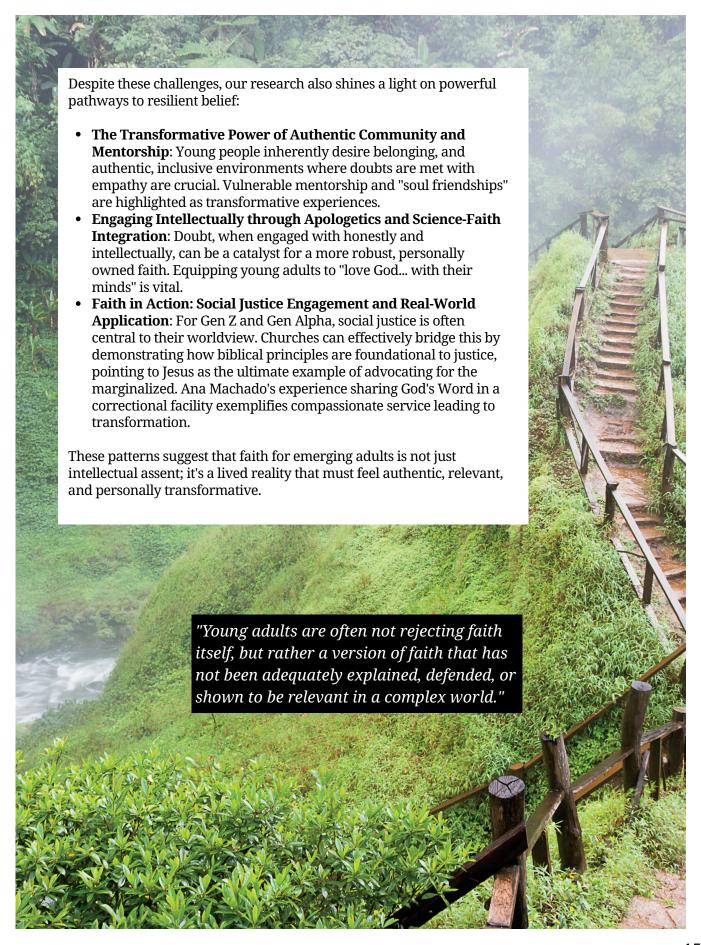
NAVIGATING THE SECULAR LANDS CAPE Equipping Youth to 'Walk with Jesus' in a Questioning World The spiritual landscape for young adults today presents a profound challenge, one that calls for our earnest attention and strategic response. We've seen a notable

challenge, one that calls for our earnest attention and strategic response. We've seen a notable trend of emerging adults "walking away from Jesus, not walking with Jesus". Data from Lifeway tragically reveals that two-thirds (66%) of teenagers who regularly attended church disengage as they transition into adulthood. This isn't merely anecdotal; it's a global phenomenon, with the "religiously unaffiliated" becoming the fastest-growing demographic worldwide. Their departure is often not an outright rejection of spirituality, but a shift towards a personally constructed, syncretistic worldview, highlighting a critical need for reorientation in how we nurture faith.

The reasons for this disaffiliation are multifaceted and deeply interconnected, forming what one writer calls a "hidden curriculum" within church culture that inadvertently pushes young adults away.

These factors include:

- **Relational Disconnects**: A perceived lack of authentic community, feelings of loneliness, and unaddressed questions due to a lack of safe spaces. Keay Nigel, for instance, recounted feeling "made use of, exploited even" by his church, perceiving himself as "free labour" which led to burnout and a sense of exploitation.
- Intellectual Skepticism: Doubts arise from perceived hypocrisy, intellectual tensions between faith and science, and the pervasive instruction to "just believe" rather than engaging with difficult questions. Young people often feel pressured to choose between their faith and perceived "facts". As seen in George Marsden's reflections, young Christians may experience a "thousand cuts" from accumulating nagging issues and an "insufficient intellectual framework". Mike, a high school sophomore, nearly "jettisoned his faith" after encountering atheist arguments until he found guidance through apologetics.
- Cultural Irrelevance: Many young adults feel a profound disconnection between their daily lives and church teachings or activities. This often stems from outdated communication methods and a failure to integrate contemporary societal issues like mental health, sexuality, and social justice into religious discourse. Some millennials express that "comradery, support, and respect have taken the back seat while condemnation and superiority have flourished".



Strategic Responses: Cultivating Resilient Faith in Home and Church

To effectively equip our youth to "walk with Jesus" in this questioning world, a multi-faceted and intentional approach is necessary, integrating efforts from both the home and the church.

Here are key recommendations for our youth and young adult leaders:

- Integrate Young Adults into Core Church Life: Move beyond isolated youth programs to intentionally integrate emerging adults into leadership, service, and decision-making roles within the broader church community. Creating clear transition pathways, such as commissioning services for graduating seniors, fosters a deep sense of belonging and ownership. Research confirms that young adults with leadership responsibilities are significantly more likely to remain engaged.
- Prioritize Relational Discipleship and Authentic Community:
 Cultivate environments where genuine relationships thrive, and where
 young adults feel seen, heard, and valued. Emphasize small groups,
 intergenerational mentorship, and opportunities for shared
 experiences that build trust and accountability. Making space for doubt
 and discovery, where questions are welcomed without judgment, is
 paramount.
- Develop Comprehensive Apologetics and Worldview Formation:
 Implement programs that proactively address intellectual skepticism, science-faith tensions, and contemporary social issues from a biblically grounded perspective. Equip young adults to critically evaluate diverse worldviews and articulate their faith with reason and conviction.

 Resources like The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel and Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis are invaluable for this.
- Strategically Leverage Digital Platforms: Recognize that Gen Z and Gen Alpha are digital natives. Churches must "get online, learn their language, and meet them in their digital domains". Social media is a powerful ministry tool for delivering biblical truths through compelling, relatable content, whether through videos, podcasts, or interactive apps. This includes training youth teams in digital stewardship.
- Embrace Social Justice as a Gospel Imperative: Guide young adults
 in understanding how the Gospel compels Christians to work for justice
 and compassion. Provide tangible opportunities for service and social
 engagement, demonstrating the real-world impact of faith. This
 commitment can directly counteract perceptions of irrelevance and
 hypocrisy.



Our Lord calls us to a higher standard, one that reflects His character in unselfishness and love. As we minister this year, let us resolve to cultivate environments where young people are not just taught, but deeply experienced, fully engaged, and passionately empowered to share the vibrant reality of walking with Jesus in their world. This holistic approach, integrating intellectual understanding with emotional and social support, will foster a faith robust enough to withstand scrutiny and personally owned by a generation eager to make a meaningful difference. Let us heed the divine counsel to make our gatherings "missionary institutions", where the "truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth". The future of our church depends on it, and with God's blessing, we can truly empower them to confidently embrace and live out their faith.

OCTOBER 8-11, 2026

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE RETREAT



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Working with Jesus for Justice and Connection in a Disillusioned World

Understanding Generation Z: A Unique Landscape

Generation Z, those born between the late 1990s and early 2010s, navigates a world shaped by pervasive digital immersion and unprecedented access to information. This constant connectivity has honed their ability to discern genuine authenticity from superficiality—a value they prize above personal future, independence, or even financial wealth. They embrace quirks and flaws, preferring natural beauty over "picture perfect" facades, signaling a clear rejection of inauthenticity.

While they exhibit profound skepticism towards established institutions, including the church, rating its trustworthiness at a mere 4.9 out of 10, there's a palpable weariness of cynicism and a deep yearning to "trust in a story again". This weariness creates a significant opening for genuine faith. Notably, 31% of the religiously unaffiliated identify as "nothing in particular" yet are not hostile to faith, showcasing a growing spiritual curiosity and openness to Jesus personally. This truly is a considerable opportunity for engagement.

Jesus: The Ultimate Model of Authentic Action

The analysis posits that Jesus, through His authentic leadership, provides a compelling and trustworthy model that directly addresses Gen Z's core values and their pervasive disillusionment. He consistently pursued the ignored—tax collectors, lepers, and sinners—rather than the influential, demonstrating genuine compassion without seeking personal gain. He spoke truth without coercion, allowing people to choose freely, and His commitment to truth superseded public approval. His leadership was characterized by service over self-promotion, focusing solely on genuine impact, consistently stepping into the "mess" of the world with humility and compassion. This resonates deeply with Gen Z's demand for truth and integrity.

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Strategic Approaches for Authentic Engagement

To effectively connect with Generation Z, our Christian ministries and leaders must adopt strategic approaches that prioritize authenticity, foster genuine relationships, and leverage technology thoughtfully.

- Prioritizing Authenticity and Transparency: Gen Z's "de-influencer era" is a direct response to curated perfection and a yearning for truth. Traditional markers of authority no longer command trust; authenticity is now the primary currency for credibility. This calls for a shift away from performative faith towards radical transparency, humility, and a genuine embodiment of Christ-like character. Leaders should model vulnerability and openly share personal struggles, as this fosters deeper connection and trust than a facade of perfection. Transparency in church operations, decision-making, and financial reporting—showing exactly what donations achieve—is also crucial. We are called to lean into this cultural moment, prioritizing genuine community, purpose, and service over external markers of success.
- Focusing on Jesus and Personal Relationship: Gen Z's low trust in institutions often stems from perceived failures like power-seeking and hypocrisy, not from Jesus Himself. There's a surprising openness to Jesus personally, even among the religiously unaffiliated, suggesting a shift from "cultural Christianity" to a potential "committed Christianity"—a genuine personal faith in Jesus. Our outreach should strategically de-emphasize denominationalism or rigid institutional structures initially. Instead, we must prioritize introducing them to Jesus through authentic relationships, intellectual engagement with their questions, and tangible demonstrations of genuine community and service.
- The Importance of Listening and Intellectual Engagement: To truly connect, we must adopt a posture of listening and learning. Research, like congregational surveys, and listening to their "disengagement narratives" offer valuable insights. New research indicates that being listened to profoundly deepens the faith of teenagers, with 8 out of 10 agreeing it was important in shaping their faith. We must be prepared to offer honest answers to their questions about faith, science, suffering, and biblical authority, emphasizing biblical literacy and a deep understanding of Scripture over mere inspirational messages. Gen Z isn't asking if faith is "true" but if it is "real"—does it produce lives that look different and sustain through suffering?. Creating safe spaces where questions are not punished and where doubt, grief, and healing are welcome is vital. Innovative approaches, such as New Bethel Church's "Saved-ish" podcast while not Adventist- exemplify fostering conversation rather than didactic preaching.

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- Channeling Activism into Christ-like Compassion and Service: Gen Z is recognized as "the activist generation," profoundly committed to social justice issues, from healthcare access to racial inequities and climate change. This passion can be powerfully amplified by a Christ-centered worldview. We must understand the critical distinction between compassion (alleviating immediate suffering) and justice (investigating and addressing systemic causes). Gen Z's focus on systemic issues aligns strongly with biblical imperatives like Jubilee laws and prophetic denunciations of oppression. The church can empower them not just for individual acts of service, but for informed political advocacy and engagement in dismantling unjust structures, moving beyond outrage to a biblically mandated pursuit of righteousness. Organizations like the BOLD (Broward Organized Leaders Doing) Justice and World Vision demonstrate such faith-based activism.
- Cultivating Genuine Community: This generation experiences pervasive loneliness and
 relational ambiguity, such as "situationships". We are called to cultivate true community built on
 mutual vulnerability, unwavering commitment, and rich intergenerational relationships that
 authentically reflect God's design for human connection. Shared meals, group games, and
 intergenerational service opportunities are potent tools for building these lasting connections.
 Additionally, leaders modeling healthy phone behavior reinforce the importance of in-person
 interaction over screen time.

A Call to Enduring Authentic Action for 2026

The insights from this research underscore that Gen Z's core values are deeply resonant with a Christ-centered worldview. Despite widespread skepticism towards traditional religious institutions, there is an undeniable hunger for genuine spiritual truth and a personal relationship with Jesus, even an "unexpected revival" among young men. This presents a unique opportunity for our church to meet Gen Z where they are, listen empathetically to their struggles, and offer the transformative hope of the Gospel.

This calls for a paradigm shift from rigid tradition to adaptive, empathetic, and profoundly relational ministry. By embracing "Authentic Action," we can empower Gen Z to actively participate in God's ongoing work of bringing His kingdom to Earth, fostering true justice, deep connection, and enduring hope in a disillusioned world. Let us be the hands and feet of Christ, living out a faith that is both deeply personal and profoundly social. This is our call as we look ahead.



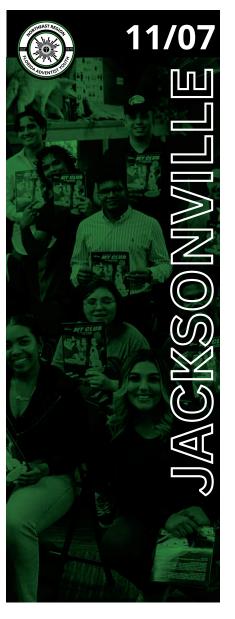


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