Title : Nations and Generations

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Ezekiel 36 (NKJV) But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. ⁹ For indeed I am with you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰ For I will multiply men upon, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. 11 I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

The sound of the harvest is a multi-ethnic and multi-generational sound.

We desire to reach the nations and generations around us through disciple-making (*Christ-followers*), leadership development (*key-influencers*) and church planting (*authentic community*).

Why Sunday service?

When we gather, we get a glimpse of our ultimate destination and home - **heaven**. We gather as a prophetic community to remind ourselves and to give the world around us a glimpse of our Father's heart for all nations and all generations.

Digital Natives / Gen Z (1995-present), Millennials (1984-1994), Generation X (1965-1980), Baby Boomers (1946-1964), and the Silent Generation (1930-1946) 5 year variables in most studies.



Four kinds of Exiles



Prodigals (Ex-Christians)

Individuals who do not currently identify as Christian, despite having attended a Protestant or Catholic church or having considered themselves to be a Christian as a child or teen.



Nomads (Unchurched)

People who identify as Christian, but have not attended church during the past month. The vast majority of nomads haven't been involved with a church for six months or more.



Habitual Churchgoers

Those who describe themselves as Christians and who have attended church at least once in the past month, yet do not meet foundational core beliefs or behaviours associated with being an intentional, engaged disciple.



Resilient Disciples

Christ followers who (1) attend church at least monthly and engage with their church more than just attending services; (2) trust firmly in the authority of the Bible; (3) are committed to Jesus personally; and (4) express desire to transform the broader society as an outcome of their faith.

Acts 2:17(NKJV) ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God. That I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams.

The Holy Spirit binds all generations together and breaks down all walls between us. All of us have equal access to the same Holy Spirit and share the same value as children of the same Father.

We are all children first

Romans 8:15-16(NKJV) ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba Father". 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Psalm 44:1-2;3(NKJV) ¹ We have heard with our ears, o God, our Fathers have told us the deeds You did in their days, in days of old; ² You drove out the nations with Your hand, but them You planted;

You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out, ³ for they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You favoured them.

Dreams still come true

George Muller:

I therefore judged myself bound to be the servant of the Church of Christ, in the particular point in which I obtained mercy: namely in being able to take God at His word and rely upon it...that God might be magnified by the fact that the Orphans under my care are provided with all they need, only by prayer and faith, without any one being asked, thereby it will be seen that God is faithful still, and hears prayers still.

South Africa Revival, 1860

- Andrew Murray Snr prayed for 36 years for revival, every Friday night.
- 1860 DRC convention on revival Worcester
- 374 ministers and lay people sought God for revival
- Start of a mighty move with the prayer of Andrew Murray.
- Prayer meetings, three times a day.
- Deep Conviction of sin
- Heartfelt repentance
- Deliverance from sin
- Supernatural healing
- Explosion of joy
- Community transformation
- Pastors almost never the driving force

'Oh sir, what can I write? The Lord is doing wonders here...the Spirit is among us...prayer meetings every day and every night of the week...people who never prayed publicly are opening the mouth widely. Last Sunday, I asked those who are seeking God to come early to the church for prayer meetings...they came in large numbers, very early...three o'clock in the morning.' Methodist Minister in Montagu'Before the days of revival, the situation in our congregation was lamentable: love of the world and sin; no earnestness or heartfelt desire for salvation; sinning and idleness — that was the order of the day for most...when the Lord started to move among us, how intense were the prayers for revival and the cries for mercy!

'Corporate prayer, even behind bushes and rocks, on mountains and in ravines; men, women, the elderly, children, gentlemen, servants all kneeling on the same ground crying for mercy. And none of this was expected by anyone, nor prepared by anyone, nor worked up, or preached by anyone. It was all the Spirit of God, and not for a few hours or days, but months long."

Dominee Servaas Hofmeyer

Youth played a big part
Communities were transformed
Prisons emptied
Families restored
Mission giving exploded

Mission teams going into the rest of South Africa and Africa up to Zimbabwe, Sudan and Nigeria

POW Revival, Anglo-Boer War,

- Concentration camps: Bermuda, St Helena, Sri Lanka, India and Egypt
- Simultaneous repentance and prayer groups on trains and in camps
- Some camps church services every day
- Bitterness between brothers forgiveness small prayer group grew to thousands
- After the war, 175 prisoners and 100 soldiers became full time missionaries into Africa.

Revival in Eastern Cape, 1940's

- Nicolas Bengu, the "Black Billy Graham"
- Joined Communist Party
- Converted and responded to the call of God
- 1000 six weeks, hundreds slain, busdrivers
- Thieves, gangsters, murderers came to Christ
- Police stations crowded with stolen goods and weapons returned.

"I experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit as never before. It was there that I learned of the amazing grace of God and His love that surpasses all understanding. It was there that a passion for souls was born in my heart. Mr. Suter, our teacher, emphasized the need for messengers who would go at God's command, without a salary. One day he said, 'God wants a man.' And I heard a still small voice say, 'Nicolas, you are that man!' And I said, 'God, I am that man."

Psalms 126:2-4(NLT) ² We were filled with laughter and we sang for joy. And the other nations said, "What amazing things the Lord has done for them." ³ Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy! ⁴ Restore our fortunes, Lord, as streams renew the desert.

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- Every culture and every generation has a place in God's plan of revival.
- Is there a culture or generation that you have written off?
- What is one step you can take to move closer to the above?
- We grow in love with the One **to** whom we pray; the ones **for** whom we pray and the ones **with** whom we pray.