

A GREAT GENERATION

# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



IT'S NOT  
ALL FUN  
AND  
GAMES

What is your vision for senior adult ministry?

If everything went well, the way you envision it, what would the ministry look like in a year or two?

Are there more people involved in ministry?

Is there life-change?

Are there more leaders?

Are there more small groups?

Is it more fun?

WHAT  
BRINGS  
ABOUT  
LIFE  
CHANGE?

Faith in Christ, not trying to work for salvation.

Personal growth, not just attendance.

Serving others using our time, talents, gifts, experience, wisdom, personality and passion.

Influencing the next generation, leaving a legacy.

Meaningful fellowship and friendships, not just being in a crowd.

Inner peace that comes from trust in a faithful God.

# PERSONAL FAITH IN CHRIST

Some people are faithful church members, but they may not really understand the difference between morals, good intentions, head knowledge and a personal decision to trust in Christ alone for their salvation. They are still trying to earn a gift that is free.

Sometimes a person is an unsaved “Christian”.

*Ephesians 2:8,9 For it is by grace you have been saved through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works.*

# PERSONAL GROWTH

None of us learn without effort. It really does take engagement and effort. It takes reading, writing, listening, talking, thinking, telling others, believing, practicing, repetition and grit.

Lecture alone isn't enough.

We all need more, and we want more.

We as church leaders have to learn to make teaching and discipleship more thorough, more engaging and more challenging.

# PERSONAL GROWTH

Help Senior adults to:

- Read the Bible for themselves every week
- Talk to God
- Memorize a few key verses
- Tell their personal story of faith
- Explain the gospel to others
- Build meaningful friendships
- Serve others
- Take leadership

## SERVING OTHERS

Sometimes we don't serve because we just don't know what the opportunities are.

The more my wife and I got to know the people on our street, the more opportunities to help we discovered.

- We prayed
- We cooked
- We helped out in a crisis
- We threw parties
- We mowed lawns, walked dogs and got mail

# SERVING OTHERS

Help your Senior Adults to get involved:

- Make a list of 30 ways to help. Publicize what people are already doing.
- Help with transportation if needed
- Make it a group effort
- Take care of the small details so people can just show up and start working
- Provide training if needed
- Help volunteers see the results, what was accomplished. Say thank you.



# INFLUENCE THE NEXT GENERATION

## Senior Adults

- Can influence children
- Can influence middle and high schoolers
- Can influence college students
- Can influence young married couples
- Can influence parents
- Can influence their neighbors
- Can coach and assist a new pastor
- Can coach someone starting their career
- Can help a new Christian to grow

# MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS

Friendships don't just happen.

They take time. They take intentionality.

They take shared experiences.

They take talking and listening.

They take mutual encouragement.

They take shared meals and activities.

They take compassion.

It takes more than just being in the same room for a S.S. class or a worship service.

INNER PEACE  
AND A  
SENSE OF  
FULFILLMENT

John 10:10 *I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

Mt 6:33 *But seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Eccles 11:8 *However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all.*

I Tim 6:6 *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it.*

PRESSING  
ON  
TOWARD  
THE GOAL

Phil 3:12-14

*I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Phil 1:6

*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

# WHAT IS MEANINGFUL TO SENIOR ADULTS?

I am a senior adult.

I can't speak for others, only for myself.

I am glad I invited Christ into my life.

I enjoy continuing to learn and helping others learn.

I enjoy telling my story and explaining the gospel.

I love being able to help others and meet needs.

I am glad to have friends and be a friend.

My name will never be in a history book, but I can influence the next generation in a positive way.