

BCC Connection Group Questions: March 12, 2023 (Week 6)
Sermon Series: "Generations"

***Leaders Note:** This is a guide to help facilitate your group. You do not have to cover all of the material on this lesson.

READ: 2 Corinthians 12:7, 9b-10, Psalm 78:4-7, Genesis 25-33, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:10-16

OPEN:

- How was your week?
- How have you seen God use others to make a difference over your lifetime?
- Why does God use broken people to impact others in the Bible and today? What could be a reason(s) for this approach?
- What are the ways in which God has used your story to impact others?
- Share an example or person from the Bible that God used to impact others for His glory.

DIG:

* *Read:* 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NLT) & Psalm 78:4-7

- In 2 Corinthians 12:7, the Apostle Paul says, "I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud." Why would God give Paul this thorn in his flesh?
- We are to focus on being dependent on God. How does focusing on our weakness give us strength?
- In what ways do your family and/or your spouse keep you focused on God?
- How is God's grace, mercy, and redemption demonstrated in marriage and family?
- 2 Corinthians 12:9b-10 How are we to demonstrate to the world that Christ is making an impact in our life
- *The Big Idea* from this week's sermon is this: Making a generational impact for God can/will happen when we practice these three principles. Discuss each one as a group:
 - 1) Don't become so enamored by the future that you forsake the present.
 - 2) Don't let your present be "ensnared" by your past.
 - 3) Don't let your past endanger your future.
- Psalm 78:7 What are ways we can set our hope on God this week? How can we practically walk in obedience to the commands of God?
- From the life of Jacob in the Old Testament, we learn that Jacob stole his brother Esau's birthright and ran from Esau, Jacob deceived Laban in order to marry Rachel, and literally wrestles with God in Genesis 32. Discuss Jacob's weaknesses and how God Almighty still used him for God's glory.

REFLECT:

- Our marriages are the platform to tell God's story. What are ways you can use your platform to share God's story?
- Are there things in your life right now that you are downgrading your dream (of marriage and family) to match your history?
- How can you upgrade your faith to match God's destiny for your life?
- How can you become intentional one in your marriage? How can you become intentional with your relationship with God?
- How can we better tend "the gardens" and relationships in our lives?
- What are the two or three things the Holy Spirit spoke you in group today and how will you respond to Him?

VISION OPPORTUNITIES:

Wednesday, March 29 at 7pm is an Egg Stuffing Party. Please consider having your group that evening so everyone can participate. If that's not feasible, make sure they know it's a great campus activity to do together. Everyone who wants to **donate candy** can take it to your group, drop it off at the Connection Point on a Sunday, or bring it to the egg stuffing party. Candy should be small enough to fit into the eggs and should be nut-free

Saturday, April 1 is our Eggstravaganza! 11am-1pm

This is a wonderful annual outreach to our community. Anyone who would love to help out is welcome!! Sign up at the Connection Point to volunteer.

We will host 2 **Good Friday** services on **April 7th** at 5 and 7 pm and 2 **Easter** services on **April 9** at 9 10:45. Please be sure they are praying about people to invite to these worship experiences.