

Real and Lasting Change - Panel

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Summary

The video discusses the challenges of reaching and teaching Generation Z (Gen Z) about the gospel concepts of sin, repentance, and grace. Key points included Gen Z's lack of a Christian worldview, their relativistic view of truth and morality based on culture and feelings, and the difficulty in reconciling this with the absolute truths of the gospel. The discussion highlighted the importance of understanding Gen Z's perspectives, engaging in conversations, and using relevant resources to effectively communicate these gospel truths. Practical suggestions were provided, such as reading books and research on Gen Z, utilizing Tim Keller's teachings on identity, and spending time with students to understand their mindset.

Main Points

#1 - Gen Z's Perspective on Sin

Only 4% of Gen Z students have a Christian worldview, making it difficult for them to understand the concept of sin according to God's Word. They struggle with the idea of absolute truth and tend to view truth as relative and fluid, influenced by culture and personal feelings. While they believe in right and wrong, their moral compass is shaped by cultural norms rather than biblical principles.

#2 - Repentance and the Pursuit of Identity

Gen Z's view of repentance is often distorted by the cultural message of embracing one's feelings and pursuing self-discovery as the path to happiness and identity. This clashes with the gospel's call to repent from sin and find identity in Christ. The pursuit of identity based on feelings and cultural norms leads to instability, anxiety, and mental health issues.

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#3 - Engaging Gen Z with the Gospel

To effectively reach Gen Z with the gospel, leaders must understand their culture, have conversations, and use relevant resources. Suggestions include reading books and research on Gen Z, utilizing Tim Keller's teachings on identity, and spending time with students to understand their mindset. The goal is to communicate the gospel truths of sin, repentance, and grace in a way that resonates with Gen Z's perspectives and challenges their cultural assumptions.

Next Steps

- Read books and research on Gen Z to better understand their perspectives and mindset.
- Utilize Tim Keller's resources and teachings on identity to engage Gen Z on this important topic as a gateway to the gospel.
- Spend time with Gen Z students, engage in conversations, ask questions, and seek to understand their views on sin, repentance, and identity.
- Communicate the gospel truths of sin, repentance, and grace in a way that resonates with Gen Z's cultural context and challenges their assumptions.
- Use relevant resources and have conversations to help Gen Z understand the biblical concepts of sin, repentance, and grace in contrast to the cultural narratives they are exposed to.