

GAP 3: REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

Driving Question for Collaborative Design

How might Christians in the church, parachurch, and workplace collaborate to reach and disciple emerging generations where many see traditional Christianity as implausible and irrelevant?

Description

Research and general observation have shown that emerging generations across the globe are less open to institutional expressions of the church and less dedicated to the Christian faith. Youth culture differs significantly from previous generations due to advancement in technology, search for authenticity, desire for holistic wellbeing and longing for an integrated Monday to Sunday spirituality that spans life and work. Many in the next generation have not heard the gospel, and lack close Christian companions to demonstrate the way of Jesus in this new culture.

Acknowledging the challenges and exploring the opportunities, this conversation prayerfully explores:

Collaboration Questions

- What are specific evangelism strategies for this age group?
- What are specific discipleship strategies for this age group?
- How can current mission/church organizations/workers better reach this population?
- What areas of broader culture do Christians need to effectively engage to increase the plausibility of the gospel for the next generation?

Sub-Topics

- Reaching the next generation with the gospel
- Reaching youth & families
- Developing & discipling next generation leaders
- Organizational collaboration opportunities for next generation outreach

Preparation before Seoul 2024

Please read these sections of the State of the Great Commission Report:

- Introduction from the Theology Working Group
- Part I, on the State of the Great Commission globally, captured by text and graphics
- Part II, with the article on 'Regional Youth Populations'
- Part III for your particular region in which you primarily work or serve in church or parachurch