

What's a Millennial?

2 Timothy 2:15-19

¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ¹⁶But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. ¹⁹But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

2 Timothy 2:20-21

²⁰Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Worship in Song

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Because He Lives
Be Thou My Vision*

Community Life

Offering

Future

Message

"Millennial Offering"
Brian Suter

Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here



Lifecycles #4 Millennial Offering

Small Group Discussion Questions

- 1) What are one or two main ideas from Sunday's message that are making an impact on you?
- 2) What's it like to be you—are you a millennial? Do you know millennials? What are they like?
- 3) What generation do you belong to?
 - a. "Elder"—born prior to 1945
 - b. "Boomer"—born 1946–1965
 - c. "Gen X"—born 1966–1979
 - d. "Millennial"—1980–1998
 - e. "Post millennial"—1999....

What are some things that are unique to your life-stage and how do you experience it? Brainstorm a list here—don't overthink it...

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:15-22

- 1) Read through the Scripture passage together. What stands out uniquely to each of you?
- 2) Preliminary questions:
 - a. There are two things to consider when reading 2 Timothy. First, Paul (author) and Timothy (primary recipient) had a very close relationship. Paul led Timothy to faith, mentored him, and in Philippians wrote, "I have no one else like him." Second, this is Paul's last letter, and he knows it. There is a deep urgency he writes out of. He's passing the baton as the end of his life nears.

Knowing this information—how does this influence how you read and interpret what Paul has written here?

- 3) Verses 15-19... Key questions that come out of this section... Think about these out loud together as a group:
 - a. Are you using God's word correctly, and do you know how?
 - b. Are you speaking about it to those how don't believe with accuracy?
 - c. What are you doing with it? In what ways has "*Bible knowledge*" produced "*Bible action*" in your own personal journey of faith. Where and how would you like to grow in putting this into action?

- 4) Verses 20-21
 - a. What do you think it looks like to “cleanse oneself from what is dishonorable?”
 - b. What might it look like for you?

- 5) Verse 22
 - a. As you look at this list of things to pursue (righteousness, faith, love, and peace)—which one of these do you sense God’s direction to pursue most?
 - b. What’s your next step in order to move in that direction?
 - c. It says, “along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” The context is perfect to apply to our small group. How do we pursue these things together—what are tangible actions we can take in order to do so?

Closing Questions

- 1) In your life, where does the Millennial generation show up? (Family, friends, colleagues – maybe it’s you)

- 2) What are some key learnings that you’ve had about this generation and it’s mindset?

- 3) What do you think that you can do to help make a difference for Christ in this generation?

Close in prayer.