A Practical Guide for Creating a Group Environment to Reach A Postmodern World

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Abstract
There are disturbing statistics about the number of young people who are leaving the church after they graduate high school and are no longer bound by obligation to the family to attend worship services. If the church does not begin to change its methodology, it will not be able to succeed in reaching this generation. This project seeks to help local churches create an environment in their groups that is comfortable and engaging to the postmodern generation. Churches must create a group environment that not only fosters true Biblical community but also engages our congregations in fulfilling the mission of the church. This project will provide a practical guide for creating a group environment to reach the next generation for Christ. In doing so, this project will examine research done on the postmodern generation to outline some common trends among postmoderns, explore churches all over the country that are having success in reaching out to the younger generations, and distill common principles that reach out to the heart of postmoderns.

The world faces important decisions on how we generate energy and manage our natural assets—choices with implications that will reverberate for generations to come. Against a backdrop of a rising global population and unceasing pressure on the natural environment, this 2011 edition of the World Economic and Social Survey can guide our collective efforts to achieve a much-needed technological transformation to a greener, cleaner global economy. The past two decades have seen considerable economic growth, particularly in the emerging economies. But with global population expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, we need to accelerate the pace of productive economic expansion. By providing a wealth of information, insights and practical recommendations, this Survey A Practical Guide for. Integrating Civic Responsibility into. the Curriculum. • creating a culture of service and engagement. • embracing a mission of educating students for citizenship. • taking on greater responsibility to serve the community. For a community partner, it can mean: • creating collaborative partnerships between agencies and faculty. • informing and involving individuals in community building. specifically those who reached adulthood during the Depression and World War
II—have been much more deeply engaged in civic life than the generations that came after them (Putnam 1996). In subsequent investigations, Putnam discovered that the trend toward civic disen-gagement has become even more signifi-cant since 1985 (Putnam 2000). Here are five tips to create a positive environment for your team: 1. Engage in meaningful (in-person) dialog. When you make the effort to connect with your team members in person—individually and as a group—you're establishing a position of caring that motivates individuals in all sorts of crazy-good ways. It's easy to send short messages in emails, and then rely on these small exchanges for most of your communication. Or, you can focus on what needs to get done next and forget to take a breath, look around, and get to know your employees. Don't fall into this rut. Instead, ask your team memb