



Growing your Church Younger

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What a “younger” church might mean to you



More children



More teenagers



More young adults



***All ages being
fully alive in
Christ***



**How have you already
tried to involve
younger generations in
Church?**

Why does growing younger matter?

To hand on the faith, younger people should not just be welcomed, but be essential to our churches

Risk of becoming "one generation churches"

Age-segregated approaches are not working

There is great power in intergenerational, relational community





**Why do you think
young people often
drift away from
church?**

What do younger generations seek at church?

**Authentic
relationships**

Participation

**Justice &
inclusion**

**Opportunities
to lead & take
part in worship**



Practical Pathways to Growing Younger

Five Key Shifts



Consumers



participants



Programmes



relationships



Token youth work



**intergenerational
worship**



Teaching



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Sunday-only



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What could one of these shifts look like in your congregation?



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Common Concerns



"Our older members won't like change."

"We don't have enough young families."

"We lack the resources to start a youth group"



It's not about replacing older people, but becoming whole churches.

Growing younger doesn't mean losing depth - it means widening the welcome.

Start small. One change at a time can ripple outward.



**What is one barrier in
your context to
growing younger?**

*What is one small step you could take in
the next 3 months?*





Final Reflection



- *Growing younger is not a project, but a **calling**.*
- *It's about rediscovering the gospel as good news for **all ages**.*

Write down 1 action you will take - something practical and doable in your congregation in the next 3 months.



Thank You!

If you have any questions, come and find us this weekend or feel free to pop us an email at:

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