



Viewer's Guide

Faith *for the* Future

**What We Are Learning About Resilient Discipleship
from the Connected Generation**

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Welcome to Faith for the Future! Thank you for joining us as we explore what we're learning about resilient discipleship from the Connected Generation.

This nearly three hour streaming experience is broken into three segments. The first part—***Effective Ministry in an Anxious Age***—features a variety of Barna insights to help us understand the cultural and demographic context for this generation and learn how to remain emotionally connected and relevant to 18-35-year-olds.

The second part—***Spirituality and Church Engagement***—will lead you to discover what the future of faith looks like and what the connected generation expects to give to and receive from their churches.

The third part—***Empowering the Connected Generation***—features leadership development pathways and causes that resonate most with today's Gen Z and Millennials.

Together, these three segments will offer you and your team a comprehensive picture of what it means to lead young adults through a culture of complexity. We hope you participate in all three parts of this free webcast, but you can also choose to tune in to view what is most pertinent to you and your team.



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SCHEDULE

START

PART 1: Effective Ministry in an Anxious Age

Welcome - Krish Kandiah and Savannah Kimberlin

“From Chaos to Connection” - David Kinnaman

Interview - Edgar Sandoval and David Kinnaman

Interview - Amanda Bowman and Krish Kandiah

Interview - Jo Saxton and David Kinnaman

Interview - Eugene Cho and David Kinnaman

“Discipleship in a Post-Christian Context” - Stephen Foster

Panel - Barna Research Team (Daniel Copeland, Savannah Kimberlin, Aidan Dunn)

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PART 2: Spirituality and Church Engagement

“Navigating Digital Babylon” - Mark Sayers

“Resilient Discipleship” - David Kinnaman and Mark Matlock

“A Leader Worth Following” - Francis Chan

Panel - Sam Collier, Brianna Parker, Jason Ballard

Panel - Tish Harrison Warren, Jefferson Bethke, Danielle Strickland

“Spirituality and the Church” - Brooke Hempell

“Worship, Community and the Church” - Jonathon Douglass

02:14:59

PART 3: Empowering the Connected Generation

“Empowering a Generation: What Does That Mean?” - Krish Kandiah

“A Generation of Justice” - Sandra Maria Van Opstal

“Potential for Impact” - David Kinnaman

Interview - Nicky Gumbel

Interview - Amanda Bowman and David Kinnaman

“Passing the Baton” - Christine Caine

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Closing Remarks: Krish Kandiah and Savannah Kimberlin

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Barna and World Vision created this discussion guide to help your team unpack the statistics and experiences from this event and apply them to the dreams and challenges of your church leaders.

There is minimal time to discuss during the presentation replay, but feel free to pause at any time to talk as a team. We also recommend taking a portion of time before the webcast to address the Pre-Event questions. This thought-provoking practice is intended to spark awareness during the presentation so you and your team can identify the points that are most applicable to your context.

We also recommend scheduling a debrief immediately following the event, allowing time to work through the Post-Event questions and capture quick responses and insights.

Pre-Event Discussion

1. What are you hoping to learn going into this webcast?
2. As you look at the segment titles and descriptions, which one excites and intrigues you most? Why?
3. What are some common stereotypes or misconceptions about this generation? Do these impact the way you relate or minister to young adults? Discuss from your generational vantage point - whether or not you're in the 18 to 35 range, what are your impressions, questions and hopes?

Facilitation Notes: Have sticky notes available for participants to write their thoughts on before sharing. This enhances participation and promotes a balance between the more reserved and more vocal respondents. Ask people to place their notes, by category, on a larger board. As duplicates or themes emerge, track them by grouping "like-minded" ideas together. You'll end up with a taxonomy of subjects your leadership feels are significant, which can act as a guide as you discuss the rest of the event and the climate of change in your church.



Post-Event Discussion

1. Think about your Pre-Event discussion and questions: what did you learn? What inspired you or has been resolved for you? Which talk or panel most stood out to you and why? If you are 18-35, how did you feel understood or represented? Did this ring true to you?
2. What, if anything, surprised you most in Part 1: Effective Ministry in an Anxious Age?
3. What questions and issues raised in Part 1 should your team address more thoroughly moving forward?
4. What, if anything, surprised you most in Part 2: Spirituality and Church Engagement?
5. Which findings should your church leadership explore further as a team?
6. What, if anything, surprised you most in Part 3: Activating the Connected Generation?
7. What information made you feel concerned about the challenges facing your church as you strive to engage and activate this Connected Generation?
8. What information made you feel hopeful about ministering to this generation?
9. Take a moment to reflect on or write about one insight from the event that is personally meaningful for you. Share if you are comfortable.

Facilitation Notes: In addition to or in lieu of the above Post-Event Discussion, you could do an activity called “Start, Stop, Continue.” This involves making three columns on a wall or board, each representing something your church should Start doing, Stop doing or Continue doing. In light of the material presented today, ask participants to write memorable and significant points on sticky notes. Place the items in the most fitting columns as your team reads and discusses them. Conclude by determining next steps that are appropriate to your leadership and decision-making culture.

Want additional findings and resources to continue your discussion?

Go to TheConnectedGeneration.com to purchase the report, get field guides, watch extended interviews and keep updated on the multi-month Connected Generation journey.

Also go to FaithForExiles.com to check out David Kinnaman’s and Mark Matlock’s new book Faith For Exiles and discover some great resources to equip you as pastors, parents and leaders.