

TALK IT OVER

Rescue Mission:

Rescue for the Next Generation

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Think about a time when someone invested their time, talents or money in you. How did you feel? What does this have to do with your life right now?

1 Timothy 4:12 GNT

"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity."

- In the early church, faith wasn't a once a week thing. If every believer in the New Testament church was expected to contribute to the spiritual health of the church, what does that suggest about our role today?

Please read **Ephesians 4:11-16** aloud.

- What would happen in our church if every generation understood that they have a part to play - and intentionally used their gifts to help someone else grow in Christ?

Please read **2 Corinthians 5:17-20** aloud.

- Have we made church primarily about what we receive? What would it look like for us to become ambassadors for Christ?

Please read **1 Corinthians 12:19-31** aloud.

- Why do you think Paul stresses that every part of the body is indispensable? What does that say about God's plan for the church?

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Start Praying: Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank you for making space for us through Christ, and for the people who made space for us along the way. Teach us to listen to the big picture before speaking, to serve before being served. Give us vision for our church to build up every generation, to make room for the young, to honor the old, to use our gifts in love. Send us out, as your ambassadors, to rescue, encourage and disciple, always pointing to Christ, our peace and our power. Give us courage this week to make room for someone younger in faith, and walk in grace that's seasoned with salt, listening before speaking. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three, take time for healing prayer, or pray with individuals requesting prayer. This is important!

Start Doing:

This week, don't just leave these questions on paper. Carry them into your days. Pray, Encourage, and Invest in them. Be the kind of believer who makes room for the next generation (and all generations) to know Jesus. Someone made space for you; now, go and make space for someone else.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28a GNT

"All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. In the church God has put all in place."