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DISCIPLES

The Task Remains The Same

“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord”

The Young People Will Be Different

- Anxious

UK teens hit by mental health crisis during the pandemic, as rates of depression and anxiety more than double

EXCLUSIVE

Research is the latest in a series of studies to highlight how Covid-19 is widening inequality in society

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- Digitally saturated
 - Digital addiction
 - Digital deficits
 - Digital duress

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- Disconnected

- Lonely

- Relationally deficient

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- Destabilised

Teenagers and young adults expressed profound anxiety about their future and accused governments of failing them as 15 months of lockdowns destabilised their mental wellbeing, education and job prospects.

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Discipleship Concerns

- Ecclesiologically confused
- Discipleship differences
- Relational gaps
- Lacking intergenerational engagement



Evangelism Concerns

- Loss of contact with unchurched young people
- Insufficient evangelistic intent





Positives?

- The role of parents as primary discipler
- The inclusion of young people in collective worship
- The desire for relationship among the young people



What Now?

- Young people not programmes
 - know the young people before you
- Church family rather than segregated silos
 - help the young people become Intergenerationally connected



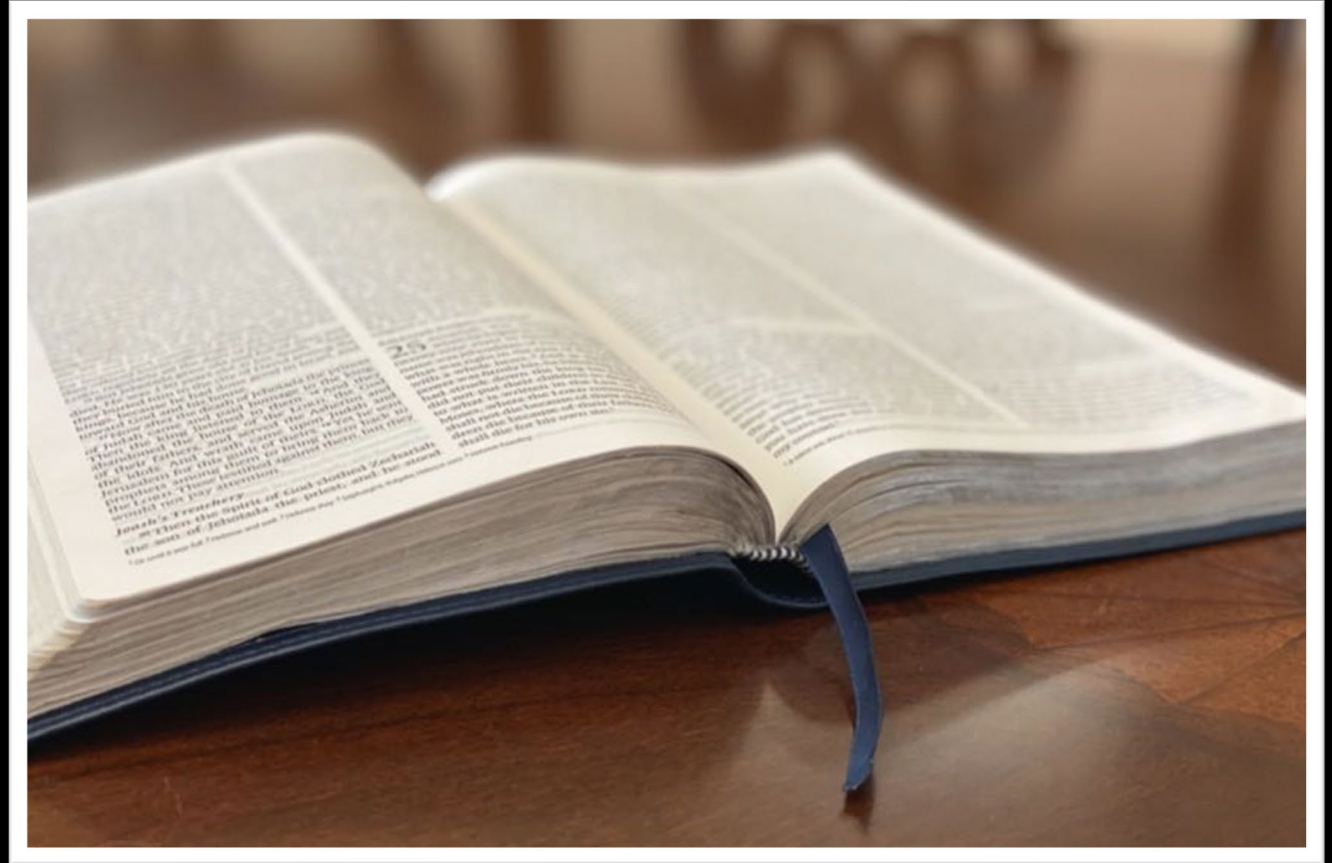
What Now?

- Facilitate stability
- Prioritise relationships



What Now?

- Consider carefully...
 - The context of your teaching
 - The content of your teaching
 - The method of your teaching



Reflect on how the positives of the past
can be incorporated into the present