

# First Things First (2026)

## *Committed to the Next Gen.*

### *for the sake of the NEXT Gen.*

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-8

**Big Question:** Why is a commitment to raising up the next generation of followers of Jesus such an essential part of our mission?

**Big Idea:** *Believers know their commitment to the next generation for Christ impacts the NEXT GENERATIONS for Christ.*

**Introduction:** *Raising the Next Generation*

#### **What are we committing to do?**

- Teach the **Scriptures**
  - Who God is... a knowable, near, never endingly gracious God.
- Tell the **stories of God's salvation**
  - Not only tell them... but tell them as they are... TRUTH!
- Throw light upon the trappings of **sin**
  - 1st Corinthians 10... these happened... so they DON'T happen again

#### **What are we craving to see happen?**

- That the next generation knows that their ultimate **worth** comes from Jesus alone
- That the next generation will know that the best **way** for them comes from Jesus alone
- That the next generation will know that God's **will** for them is what is best for them.

**Applications:** How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Pray for a heart that looks at the next generation the way that the Lord does
- Pray for generations born and yet-to-be born to find and follow the Lord
- Pray about your participation in God's plan to reach the next generation

*We will not hide them from their descendants;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
his power, and the wonders he has done.*

**Psalm 78:4**