



Sermon Growth Guide

September 10, 2023

Vision Sunday - Give Them Jesus

Psalm 78:1-7

Key Verse: Psalm 78:6

“...so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born.”

Big Idea: It's time for us to give them Jesus.

Foundations

Evangelism can be thought of as the act of delivering the message of Jesus to the world around us. While this happens in a Sunday morning sermon, proclaiming the gospel of Christ is not bound to that act alone. It can and should happen in our own everyday lives—to our co-workers, to our neighborhoods, and especially to our family members within our very homes.

The Christian faith has been passed down through the ages, from one generation to another. The psalmist found in Psalm 78 encourages the proclamation of “the hidden things from old—things our ancestors have told us...so that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born.” At First Pres, we have been—and continue to believe that we are to be—a place where Jesus reaches the next generation through the present one.

As you and I survey the world around us, it's not difficult to spot an abundance of problems. Headlines breed hopelessness. Lives are becoming more familiar with loneliness and despair. What is the answer? Who is the answer?

Jesus is the answer for our world. Above Him there is no other. As those who have been called into His marvelous light, the time has come for us to give an answer for the hope we have. It's time to give them Jesus!

Understanding God's Word

Read Psalm 78:1-7. What stands out to you? Why do you think the psalmist writes with such resolve and conviction?

Applying God's Word

What are the things that seem to hijack or short-circuit our actions in sharing Jesus with the world around us? Take some time as a group to talk about these things.

Witnessing God's Word

Think of a friend or a family member who needs Jesus. Pray for this person...but then consider how you will share Jesus with them this week. Then...go do it!