

# Get There First

**There is a race to the heart of the next generation.**

*"When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel."* Judges 2:10 NKJV

*"There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother."* Proverbs 30:11 NKJV

**To win the heart of the next generation, we must get there first. (2 Kings 6:8-23)**

*"And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, 'Alas, my master! What shall we do?'"* 2 Kings 6:15 NKJV

*"So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' And Elisha prayed, and said, 'Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."* 2 Kings 6:16-17

**CULTURE IS NOT OUR ENEMY, IT'S OUR MISSION FIELD.**

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish."* Proverbs 29:18 KJV

**What will it take?**

**1. IT'S GOING TO TAKE BEING INTENTIONAL.**

*"The place in the Scripture which he read was this: 'He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.'" Acts 8:32-33 NKJV*

*"He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands."* Psalms 78:5-7 NIV

**2. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SATURATION.**

*"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ESV

**3. IT'S GOING TO TAKE MINDFUL AWARENESS.**

*"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds."*

Proverbs 27:23 NIV

**4. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A TEAM.**

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

**5. IT'S GOING TO TAKE BEAUTIFUL SPACES AND PLACES.**

6. IT'S GOING TO TAKE **PRAYER**.

*"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God."* Colossians 4:12 ESV