

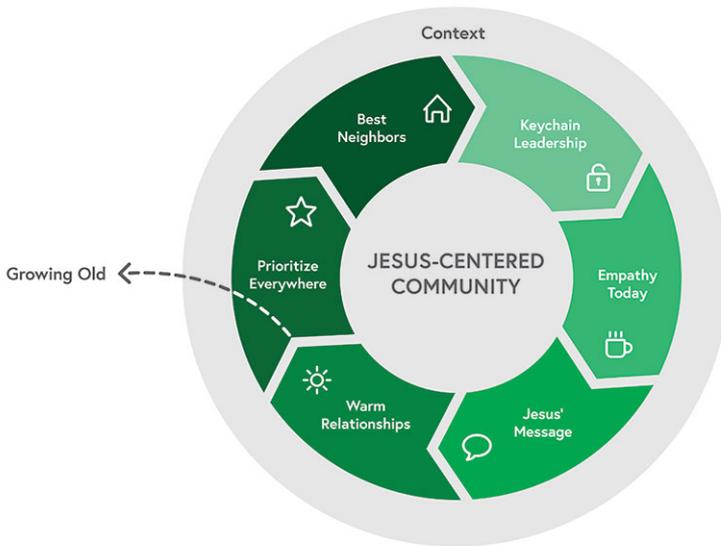
GROWING YOUNG

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday October 28th, 2018

Warm Relationships - Empathy

Pastor David Cooke



Warm Relationships

Instead of focusing on cool worship or programs, aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships.

Empathy Today

Instead of judging or criticizing, step into the shoes of this generation.



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- **A Church for the Next Generation?**

A disciple of Jesus is someone who follows Jesus in an ever deepening relationship of love.

John 14:23, ESV

- **Be Like Jesus - Show Up**

*So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus **went in and out among us**, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.*

Acts 1:21–22, ESV

- **Growing Young - Having Empathy**

- **“The World Is Flat”**

- **Hurt 2.0**



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- **What's Going On In Our Young Adults?**

- **Three Critical Questions:**

1. Who am I?

Romans 5:6–11, NLT

2. Where do I fit?

3. What difference do I make?

Ephesians 2:8–10, NLT

- **Key Action:** Connect with a teenager or young adult with *the spirit of curiosity and non-judgement*



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SERMON STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to:

- Connect with God and each other
- Connect the Bible to life
- Connect with the community through serving together

OUR VISION

Our Bold, Daring, Audacious Dream and Prayer: *In the next ten years (2028), Cold Springs Church will raise up 10,000 local, national and international leaders who live and lead out of the overflow of a Jesus-trusting life resulting in restored and strengthened families.* Check out our new Vision Wall in the lobby!

ICE BREAKER: Think about your adolescent/young adult years. What was a primary struggle in your life? How were older adults helpful? How were they unhelpful?

PRAYER Our desire is that you give 10% of your time to God in prayer. Before your sermon discussion, take time to pray together.

THIS WEEK: “Warm Relationships - Empathy Today”

Acts 1:21-22

This week we kick-off our 5-week **Growing Young** sermon series. We will be talking about *Warm Relationships & Empathy Today, Jesus’ Message, Prioritize Everywhere, Best Neighbors* and *Key-chain Leadership*. “Growing Young” isn’t a program we are launching, it is an overall culture shift we want to make as a church.

This weekend we talked about *Warm Relationships* and *Empathy Today*. Instead of focusing on cool worship or programs, we want to aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships. Instead of condemning the world outside our walls, we want to enable young people to neighbor well locally and globally.



1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what particularly caught your attention, encouraged, challenged or confused you?
2. What makes the above response important to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

The idea of **Growing Young - Empathy** is to engage in relationship with young people, in other words: *being fully present with them.*

3. What did Jesus do that relates to the ability to have empathy (Acts 1:21-22)?
4. What obstacles do you face in connecting with young people today?
5. What obstacles do you think young people face in connecting with older generations?



6. What are some differences between what you experienced as a young person and what life is like for young people today? (e.g., Social media, economic pressures, identity issues).

TAKING IT HOME

Pastor David talked about the three key questions that young people ask and how God answers: 1. *Who am I? (God's grace. Eph. 2:8-10).* 2. *Where do I fit? (God's love. Eph. 4:2-6).* 3. *What difference do I make? (God's mission. Acts 1:8).*

7. Read Ephesians 2:8-10, 4:2-6 and Acts 1:8. How does understanding God's view of all people help you move towards connection with younger generations?

8. How does understanding what young people are concerned about help you engage with empathy towards them?

Pastor David noted four questions to ask when you connect with a teenager or young adult:

1. *What stresses you out?*
2. *What makes you happy?*
3. *What's something important for me to know about you?*
4. *What would you like me to pray about for you?*



9. Now that you have some tools to utilize, what will it take for you to engage in conversation with a teenager or young adult in the next 30 days?

BEING ON MISSION

At Cold Springs Church we talk about being “on mission” together. As Jesus followers, we are called to “go.” Our focus of **#FORELDOCO** (For El Dorado County), is a primary expression of Cold Springs’ missional life. Because we are greater together than individually.

If you haven’t had a chance to watch our video, please do so at: <http://www.coldspringschurch.net/foreldoco>. Highlights and updates happen via our website, Facebook and Instagram.

If you love where you live, why not be FOR it? Let’s be for the 180,000+ people who call El Dorado County home. Let’s be FOR our neighbors (Galatians 5:13–14).



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