



LEADING THE NOW GENERATION

with Mark Pettus

"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord. they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." Psalm 92:12-15

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT MINISTRY

- Student ministry/leadership development is crucial for the health and growth of a church.
- A comprehensive approach with large events and small group discipleship is necessary.
- Personal connections and access to pastors and leaders are important for young people.
- The current generation faces challenges: loneliness and the negative impact of technology.
- Providing a cause for young people to believe in can help them move beyond self-focus.
- We focus on seven initiatives in your youth discipleship programs:
 - Authentic faith
 - Spiritual priorities
 - Moral boundaries
 - Meaningful friendships
 - Wise choices
 - Others first
 - God-given
- There is a need for more leaders in the church, and programs like Highlands College can help meet that need.

"We are going to be in trouble if we don't do this." - Chris Hodges

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

See the last pages for Discussion Questions that will help you and your team get the most out of this episode!

EPISODE RESOURCE

- [Motion Night Information](#)
- [Motion Midweek Information](#)
- [Fighting for a Generation Message](#)
- [Monthly Mentoring with Pastor Chris](#)
- [Develop Kingdom Builder / Legacy Teams](#)
- [Interested in Highlands College?](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)
- [Studio](#)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Keep growing to reach your full potential by asking yourself and your team these questions:

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT MINISTRY

- 1. Do the students in your youth ministry have room to be in leadership? Where are the places in your church that your students are able to lead?

- 2. Who are some students that you are personally discipling? Lead a discussion about some potential youth leaders that you are identifying in your church.

- 3. Mark talked about our summer 252 internship for high school students. Is there space in your youth programming for student leadership development? If not, how can you start integrating more leadership development?

- 4. Personal discipleship is a pillar of student ministry that can be missing from many churches. How does your church encourage personal discipleship within students?



- 5. Pastor Chris told stories of having students at his house and on his back porch, and he reminded us of the value of every one of us having youth that we are pouring into. When is the last time that you have taken intentional time to pour into students?
