

BRIDGING GENERATIONS THROUGH REAL RELATIONSHIPS

Lisa Anderson, “Turn Off Your Cell Phone!”

Who are today’s young women, and how do we:

- Understand them, their needs, and their potential in Christ
- Invite them into our circles of acquaintance
- Invest in them in a meaningful way

CARE

- Who are the younger women in your acquaintance?
- Who IS today’s young woman?

Portrait of a modern young woman:

- Average marrying age = 25.9 (DHHS, 2007)
- Average age at first divorce = 31 (DHHS, 2007)
- 54% of women in the US are mothers (US Census Bureau, 2006)
- Average age of first-time mothers = 26 (21 in 1970; National Center for Health Statistics, 2006)
- 59% of women 16+ contribute to the workforce (Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Dept. of Labor, 2006)
- Average time young families in US spend together per day = 4.5 hours
- Average time young families in US spend utilizing media per day (Yahoo! and OMD study, 2006)
 - TV: 2.5 hours
 - Radio: 1.3 hours
 - Internet: 3.6 hours
 - E-mail: 1.2 hours
 - Instant messaging: 1 hour

COMMUNICATE

- What’s the best way to reach us?
- How often?
- In what context and with what are you competing?

CONNECT

- The value of mentoring
- The value of pursuit
- Single women/married women
- “But I don’t have anything to offer” or “I just can’t relate”
- Gideon (Judges 6:11-16)
 - Unlikely choice
 - No experience
 - Full of doubts
 - Daunting task
 - “The Lord is with you, Mighty Warrior.”

CONFRONT

- Don't stereotype. Make sure what you're confronting is valid.
- Call sin "sin".
- Say hard things in a loving way.
- Back up correction with support and commitment.

APPLY IT

- Make three columns:
 - Names of young women you know
 - Skills/knowledge you can impart
 - What would a connection with one or more of these women look like?

RECOMMENDED READING

- *Lies Women Believe* by Nancy Leigh Moss
- *Do the Hard Things* by Alex and Brett Harris
- *The Search for Significance* by Robert McGee
- *The Five Aspects of Woman* by Barbara Mouser
- *Getting Serious about Getting Married* by Debbie Maken
- *Get Married—What Women Can Do to Help it Happen* by Candice Watters
- *Love and Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
- *The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands* by Dr. Laura Schlessinger
- *The Complete Guide to the First Five Years of Marriage* by Focus on the Family
- *Radical Womanhood* by Carolyn McCulley
- *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller
- *Captivating* by John Eldredge
- *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande
- www.boundless.org
- www.pluggedinonline.com