

# LEADERS

## A Guiding Word

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### SHARE



Who is a leader to you? What characterises their leadership? What defines a good leader?

What does grace mean to you? What difference does faith make in your day-to-day life?

You are God's creation. In what ways do you feel called into His work?

### READ



#### Ephesians 2:8-10

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

### TALK



The nature and practices of effective child, youth and family ministry begins with an understanding that the underlying goal is to move from programs to an intergenerational culture. Shaping culture is a critical role in leadership.

One aspect of being a leader in congregations and at home is an openness to learn and explore new avenues of sharing in the gospel. Being teachable means being open to learning from God and the wealth of gifts present in every generation.

**“Every age has gifts we need and every age has needs we gift.”**

*-Rich Melheim*



Intergenerational relationships in Christian communities nurture important connections between generations. They provide space to practise faith at home, in congregations and extend to work places and places of learning. In the midst of faith and life transitions it is important for children, young people and their families to have both peers and the greater faith family around to support and care for them.

- What impact might some of the above statements have on your congregation?
- What encouragement can we draw from Ephesians 2:8-10?

God has noticed us and has renewed us in his saving grace.

- How does this renew the way we see and serve the children, youth and families of our congregation?
- What good things might God be preparing for us to do?
- Who are they for?

### PRAY



Pray for each other, for leaders, your congregation and the world.

### BLESS



Bless each other with these words: (Name), don't give up! You are God's handiwork. You have been called and saved. Be blessed in doing his work.

It is vital that leaders in home and congregation have a strong understanding of the nature and practices of effective child, youth and family ministry.

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