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Leaders in homes and congregations have a strong understanding of the nature and practices of effective child, youth and family ministry, and their role within it.

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.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

God's grace shapes and informs everything we do in our homes and congregations. It is the starting point for all that God has prepared for us to do. In his grace, God has made you to be a leader who makes a difference in the world for his purposes.

Our world is constantly changing. As leaders we need to be intentional about noticing the culture of the people and of the time. We can lead and serve most effectively when we understand our context.

Shaping culture and being open to learning are two critical roles for leaders. Being teachable means learning, both from God and from the wealth of gifts within the congregation.

It is important for leaders in homes and congregations to understand the issues faced by 21st century children, youth and families. Current research can be very helpful.

Research has shown that by building intergenerational relationships in our congregations, children and young people have an increased sense of belonging to the community and their faith.

The aim of intergenerational ministry is to bring the whole church together in worship, service and community. This allows us to engage all people with the transformational good news of Jesus Christ.