

PART 5: YESTERDAY'S INVESTMENTS

INTRODUCTION

We're all headed somewhere. Arriving at our new destinations requires change. For most of us, change creates stress. We want to make wise decisions. We want to make sure the choices we make set us up for future success. More than that, we want to make sure our choices help future generations. Half of college students who grew up in church drift away while away at school. But we don't have to accept the status quo. So, what can we do?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Was your transition out of your parents' home after high school smooth or difficult? What made it that way?
- 2. What is one thing from your past you wish you could do over?
- 3. What did your faith look like in your early adult years? Did you drift during that season? Was faith even on your radar? What motivated you to approach your faith the way you did back then?
- 4. Talk about a time when someone older than you was someone you wanted to be like. What was it about them that made you want to imitate them?
- 5. Think of the name of one person coming up behind you that could invest in. Are you currently investing in that person? Why or why not?
- 6. Which of the four things (inviting, serving, giving, connecting in group) that were discussed in the message do you think you need to take a step forward in? Do think these four things are good to model for younger generations? Why or why not?

MOVING FORWARD

There is no better investment you can make than in the faith of future generations. We have to find a way to tell them, "We're *behind* you. We're *with* you. We're *for* you." Yesterday's investments will pay off tomorrow if you're intentional. How can you be intentional about shaping tomorrow?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Imitate me as I imitate Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1