

next generation

Getting Started

Bart Astor once said *“Most of what we leave our children and grandchildren are memories,”*

What are some of your favorite memories your parents and grandparents have left you?

Take a moment to tell a story or two about your parents or grandparents from the list below

- Family vacation stories
- Christmas memories
- Memories of your parents or grandparents favorite sayings
- Lessons you learned from your parents or grandparents
- Memories you have of working with your parents

“Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you.” -Shannon L. Alder

What stories do you hope future generations tell about you?

Going Deeper

What did you feel God speaking to you from the message last Sunday?

[Ephesians 4:25-32](#) details some ways we can leave a legacy. Read over these verses then answer the following questions

- What generational curse would you like to take off and remove from your life?
- Which of the following legacies would you like to be most known for with future generations

Leave a legacy of authenticity [Ephesians 4:25](#)

Leave a legacy of conflict resolution [Ephesians 4:26-27](#)

Leave a legacy of encouraging communication [Ephesians 4:29-32](#)

Which of those legacies do you struggle with most right now?

A buzz word in our culture these days is the word authenticity. Why do people long so much for people to be authentic and real? What barriers are there in our current culture that keep us from being real with each other?

How can you be more honest and real with the people around you?

Ambrose Bierce said this. *“Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.”*

What timeless advice can you find in [Ephesians 4:26,27](#) that can help you overcome hurting people with your words?

Read [Ephesians 4:29-32](#). Who is a person in your life who is leaving a legacy of encouraging words? What steps can you do to develop the same kind of legacy?

If you could choose one word or sentence to describe the legacy you hope to leave, what would it be?

Pray

Take a minute to hear prayer requests from the group and spend some time in praying for each other.

