

Raising The Next Generation

Psalm 78:1-8 ~ April 15, 2007

Why Do We Do A Rite of Passage?

- What is a 'rite of passage'?

An **initiation; coming into; graduation**

*The Rite of Passage is **defining, affirming and recognizing** Godly manhood or womanhood in our young people.*

Why Do We Need A Rite of Passage?

- The Church is in crisis

Statistics:

- The state within the Church

- **Cultural Relevance**

- **Fewer** churches each year

- Not passing our faith on to the next generation

- The last 4 generations (% age reached for Jesus)

- Builders (born before 1945) – **65%**

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- Boomers (1946-1964) – **35%**
- Busters (1965-1976) – **15%**
- Bridgers (1977-1994) – **4%**

- We have **never passed** a revival from one generation to the next

Why Is A Rite Of Passage So Important?

- Rites of Passage today:

- World's view: Our identity is determined by **what we do** and how **old we are**
- God's view: Our identity is determined on **whose we are** and what He has **done in us** (Genesis 1:27; 1st Peter 2:9)

Why Do We Need To Be Involved In A Rite Of Passage?

- **Model a relationship** with God (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

- **Pass** it on (Deuteronomy 6:7)

- Results

- They will **put their trust** in God (Psalm 78:7)

- They will **pass** it on (Psalm 78:6)