



From X to Z: Ministering to the Next Generation

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A recent survey of Gen Z adults (ages 18-25) found that between 1/4 and 1/3 of them identify as LGBTQ+. They are also considered to be the most accepting of LGBTQ+ identities, pronouns, non-conformities, and the like. Discipleship and ministry in the shadow of these facts requires clear understanding combined with firm boundaries and flexible, creative thinking.

In this workshop, we will explore who makes up Gen Z (currently aged 12-27) and what distinguishes them from previous generations. We'll talk about what is important to them, in life and faith, and discuss principles for ministry and discipleship for youth and young adults.

About Outpost

Outpost Ministries was formed in 1976 to meet the needs of men and women seeking freedom from unwanted romantic and erotic same-sex attractions. We minister to all those seeking healing and freedom in their identity, sexuality, and relationships. Outpost emphasizes obedience to God's Word, which begins the healing process. As we grow in discipleship and our submission to Jesus Christ, we also grow in friendship with Him. It is in relationship with Jesus that we are find healing and transformation.

Outpost Ministries is a founding and ongoing member of the Restored Hope Network.

About Our Speaker




Wendy is the current President of Outpost Ministries, having served on the team since 2015. She came to ministry unexpectedly, as God led her from the full-time teaching of college students to work with a series of non-profit organizations and churches. She has been ministering in administrative, teaching, and community-building roles in her local church and related ministries for almost 25 years.

Wendy's passion is connecting people to the relationships and resources they need, so they may live an abundant life in Christ. She and her husband are the parents of four Gen-Z young adults: two twenty-something daughters and two teenage sons.

For more information about Outpost Ministries, visit www.outpostministries.org



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Caring for the Next Generation
Wendy Terry, President
Outpost Ministries

Who is Generation Z?

Context

- Activity in the world
 - Significant historical events
 - Rapid technological change
 - Educational upheaval
 - Patterns of economic recession
 - Political polarization
 - Disillusionment with churches & church people

Context

- Thinking of the world
 - Paganism
 - Neo-gnosticism
 - Elevation of romantic/sexual love

Characteristics

- Extremely connected & highly relational
- Transparent & forthright
- Remarkably diverse
- Socially conscious & politically involved
- Well-educated & resourceful
- Pragmatic realists

Cares

- Connection & community
- Justice & kindness
- Security & stability

Principles of Ministry

Restorative Community

- People who are known truly & fully
- People who are seen as people, not projects
- Safe place to talk about the hard things
- Mentors who are transparent & truthful
- Someone can belong before they believe

Clear Communication

- Faithful exegesis of Scripture
- Clear statements of belief and affiliation
- Plain language without jargon
- Talk to, not at people
- Truth and love, hand in hand

Meaningful Ministry

- Shown how God makes a difference in their world
- Integrated with the multi-generational body
- Allowed to serve regularly
- Invited into membership

Untangled Faith

- Rightly order our practice of faith
- Decouple following Jesus from extras
 - Politics
 - Power
 - Preference

Discipleship by Example
