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I Sing The Almighty Power Of God
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Bro Ho Wei Hao

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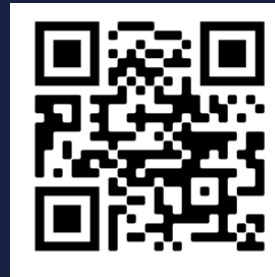
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 7:9-11

(English Standard Version)

9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,



CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 7:9-11

(English Standard Version)

10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.



CALL TO WORSHIP
Deuteronomy 7:9-11
(English Standard Version)

11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.



I Sing The Almighty Power Of God (Ellacombe)

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies



I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey



I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good



Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky



There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne



While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that we can be
Thou God art present there

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Charles Spurgeon

“You may fear that the Lord has passed you by, but it is not so;
He Who counts the stars, and calls them by their names,
is in no danger of forgetting His own children.”



Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear



You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust



Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us



You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace



You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight



Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
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Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good
And for Your glory



Even in the valley You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
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Listen To The Word Of The Lord

Listen to the Word of the Lord

Listen to the Word of the Lord

Great and wise good and kind

Listen to the Word of the Lord



Learn to know the sound of His voice
Learn to know the sound of His voice
Strong and sure calm and pure
Learn to know the sound of His voice



Hear and believe Him trust and obey
Walk in His wisdom every day



Lean on ev'ry promise of God
Lean on ev'ry promise of God
Tried and true holding you
Lean on ev'ry promise of God



Hear and believe Him trust and obey
Walk in His wisdom every day



Jesus is the Word of the Lord
Jesus is the Word of the Lord
Great and wise good and kind
Jesus is the Word of the Lord
Listen to the Word of the Lord

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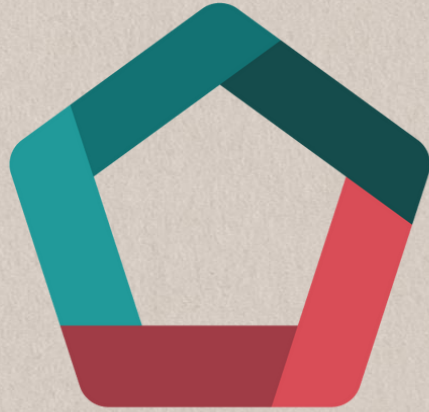
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THE GENERATIONS PROJECT BY GRACEWORKS

BRIDGING GENERATIONAL DIVIDES
IN THE SINGAPORE CHURCH

Evangel Baptist Church
17 Aug 2025



ACTS 15:1-21

The Jew Gentile Divide
Guidelines for unity in Church

BACKGROUND

- Roughly 3 to 4 years after Paul's first missionary journey with Barnabas.
- More and more Gentile Christians in the Roman empire.
- Gentiles have always been able to become proselytes of Judaism.



Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.”

WHAT WAS THE ISSUE?

- (v1) “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.”
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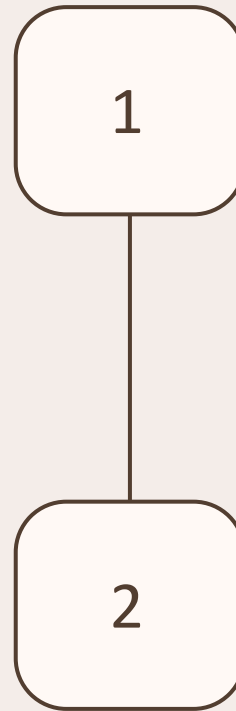


ACTS 15 NARRATED BY PAUL

Galatians 2:1-5

“Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.”

APPROACH OF THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL



What are the vital theological considerations? (v6-18)

Practical guidance on how to live and act based on these theological considerations (v19-21)

The apostles and elders met to consider this question. After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.

ACTS 15:6-12

When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

“ ‘After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’ — things known from long ago.

“It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

ACTS 15:13-21

THEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS (PETER)

- (v10) “Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?”
- (v11) “ No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”



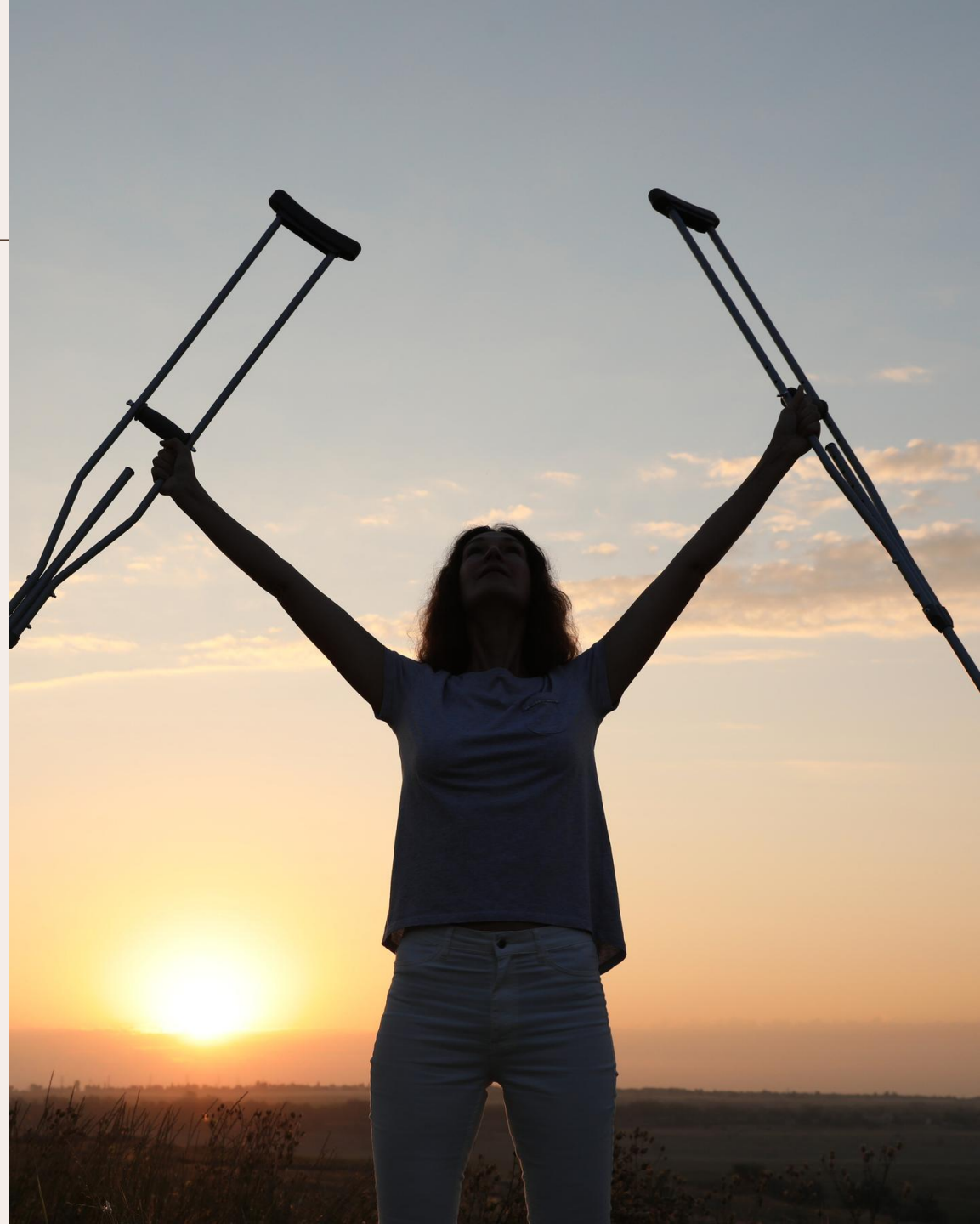
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GUIDELINES FROM ACTS 15:1-21

THEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS (PAUL & BARNABAS)

- (v12) “The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.”
- (1 Cor. 1:22) - “Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom”



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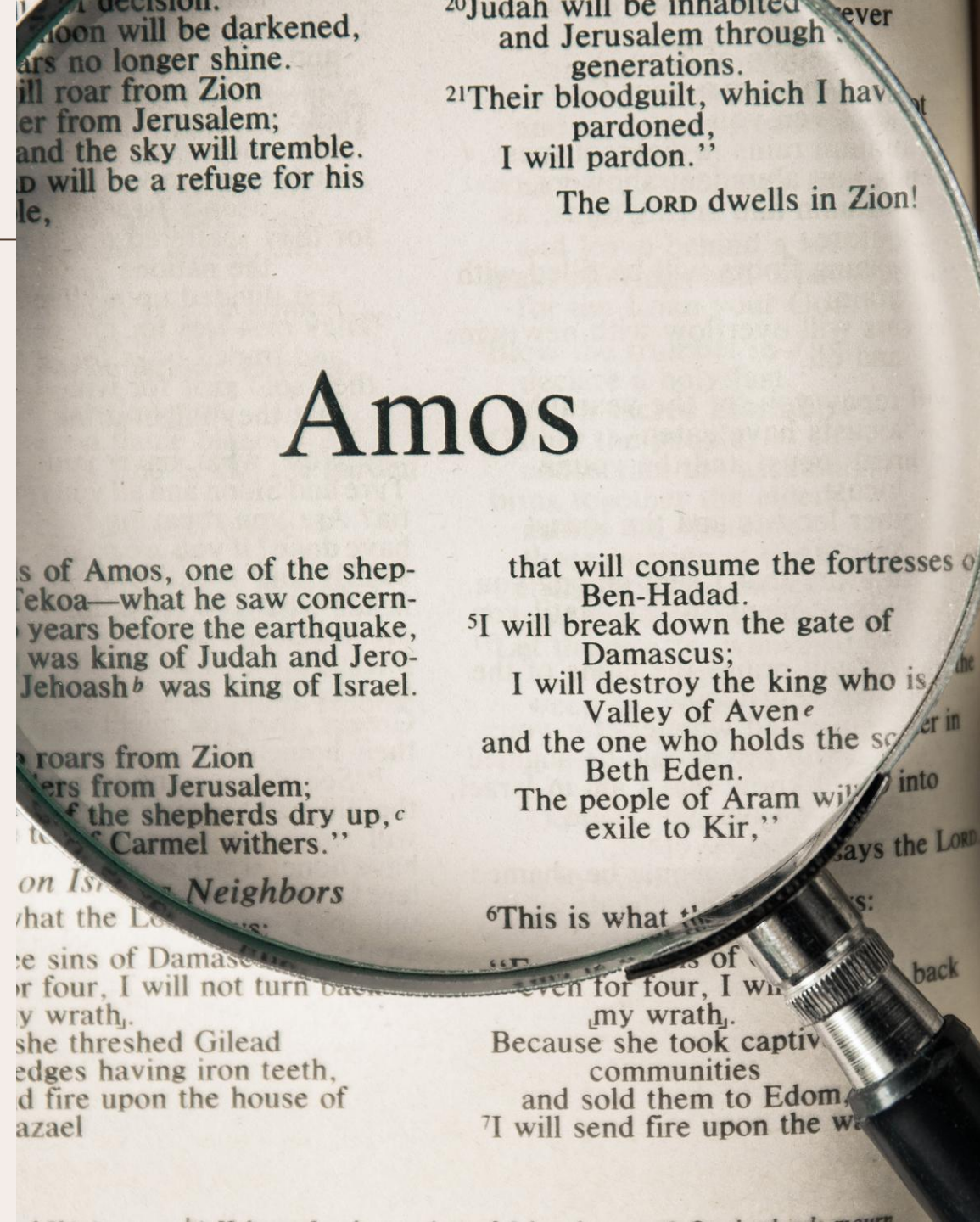
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HOW THEN SHOULD WE RESPOND?

(v19-20) “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.”



RATIONALE FOR RESPONSE

- (v21) “For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”
- (v29) “You will do well to avoid these things.”



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POST CREDITS

Acts 16:1-3

“Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.”

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2 KEY RESEARCH OUTCOMES

GENERATIONAL ARCHETYPES



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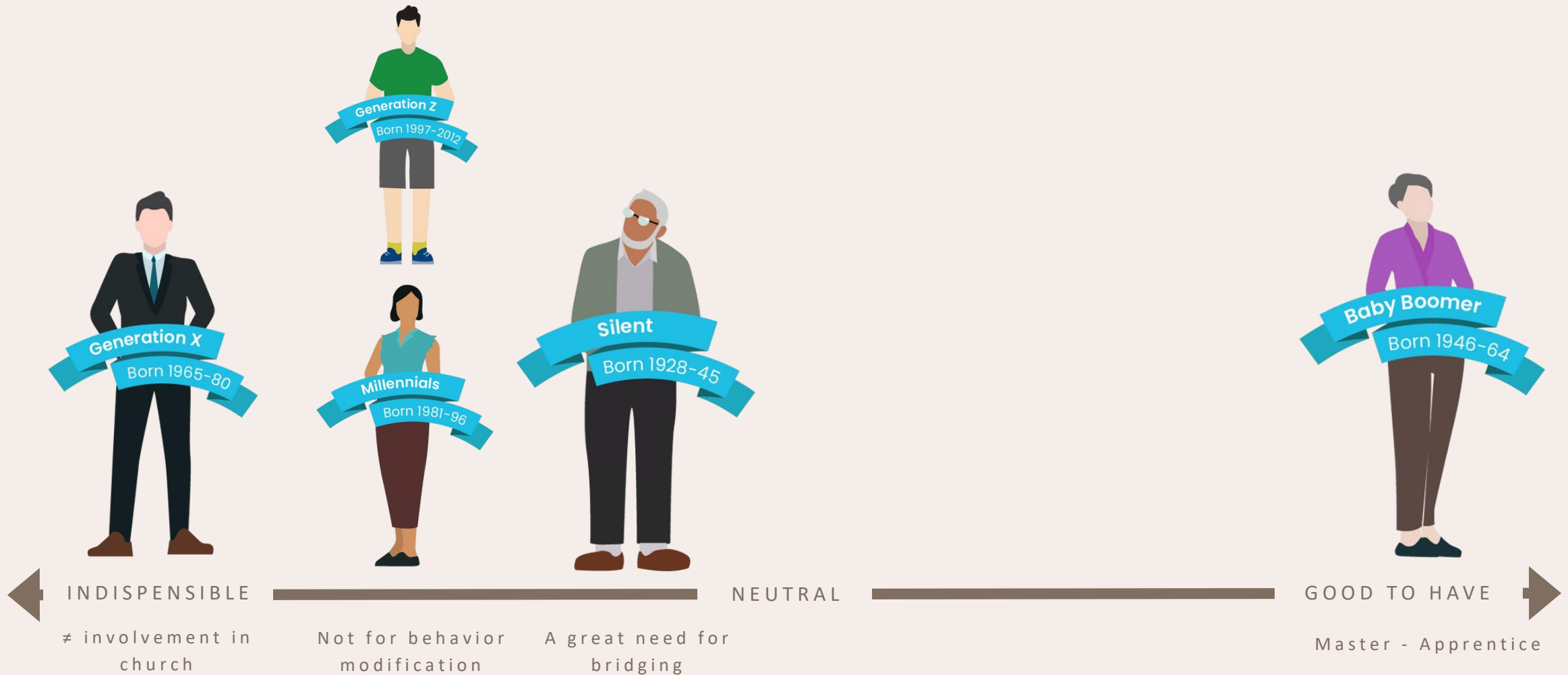
1. Church Service Attendance
2. Sacred Secular Divide
3. Evangelism
4. Hierarchy & Structure
5. Church Traditions
6. Relational Ministry & Mentoring
7. Loyalty to Church



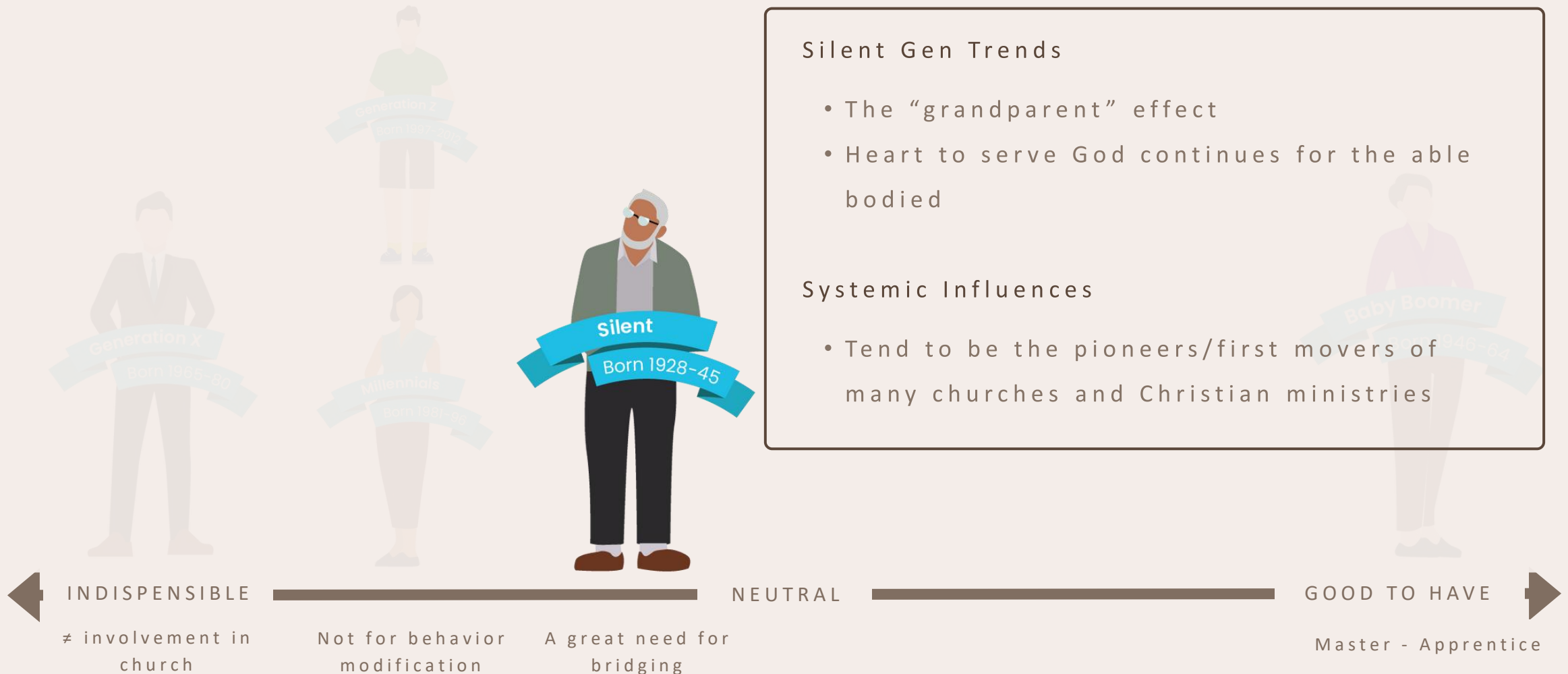


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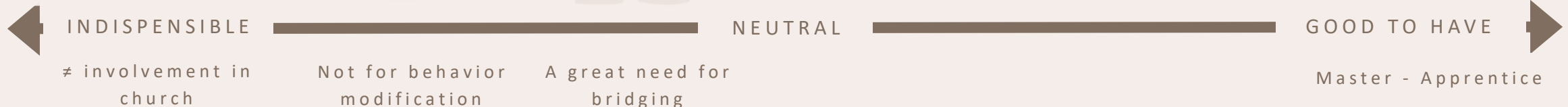
**Percentage Boomer Population to
Total Population in Singapore (1957–2005)**

Year	Total Population	Boomer Population	% of Boomer to Total Population
1957	1445.9	482.8	33.39
1967	1955.6	1056.8	54.04
1970	2074.5	1019.4	49.14
1980	2413.9	1048.2	43.42
1990	2735.9	1051.3	38.43
2000	3263.2	1105.8	33.89
2005	3553.5	1109.0	31.21

Note: Figures prior to 1980 refer to total population.
From 1980, figures refer to Singapore residents (citizens and permanent residents.)

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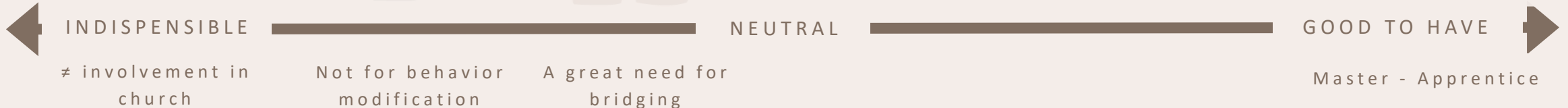
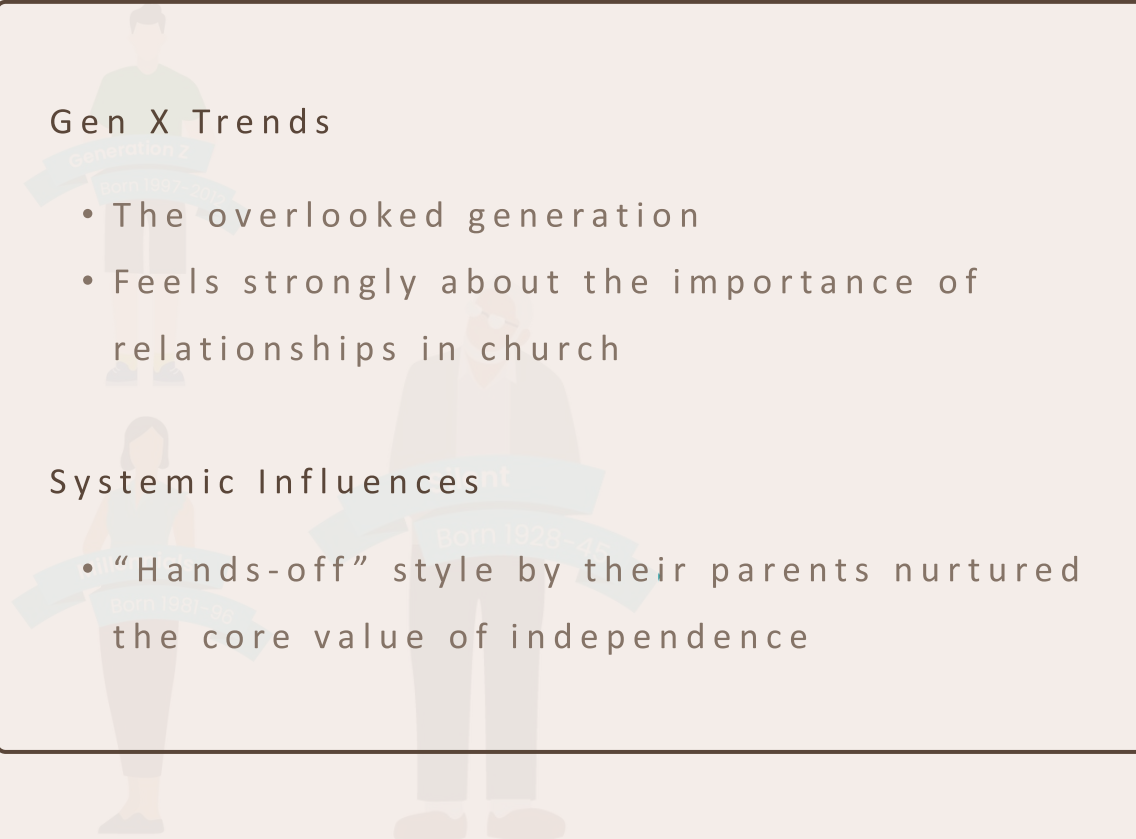
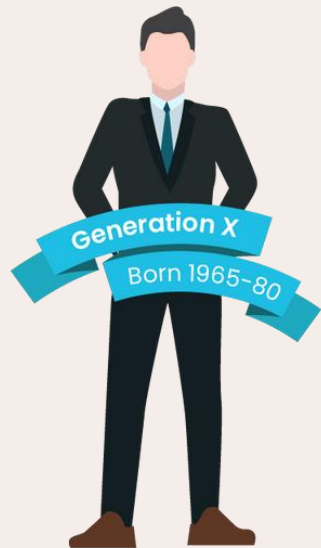
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Gen X Trends

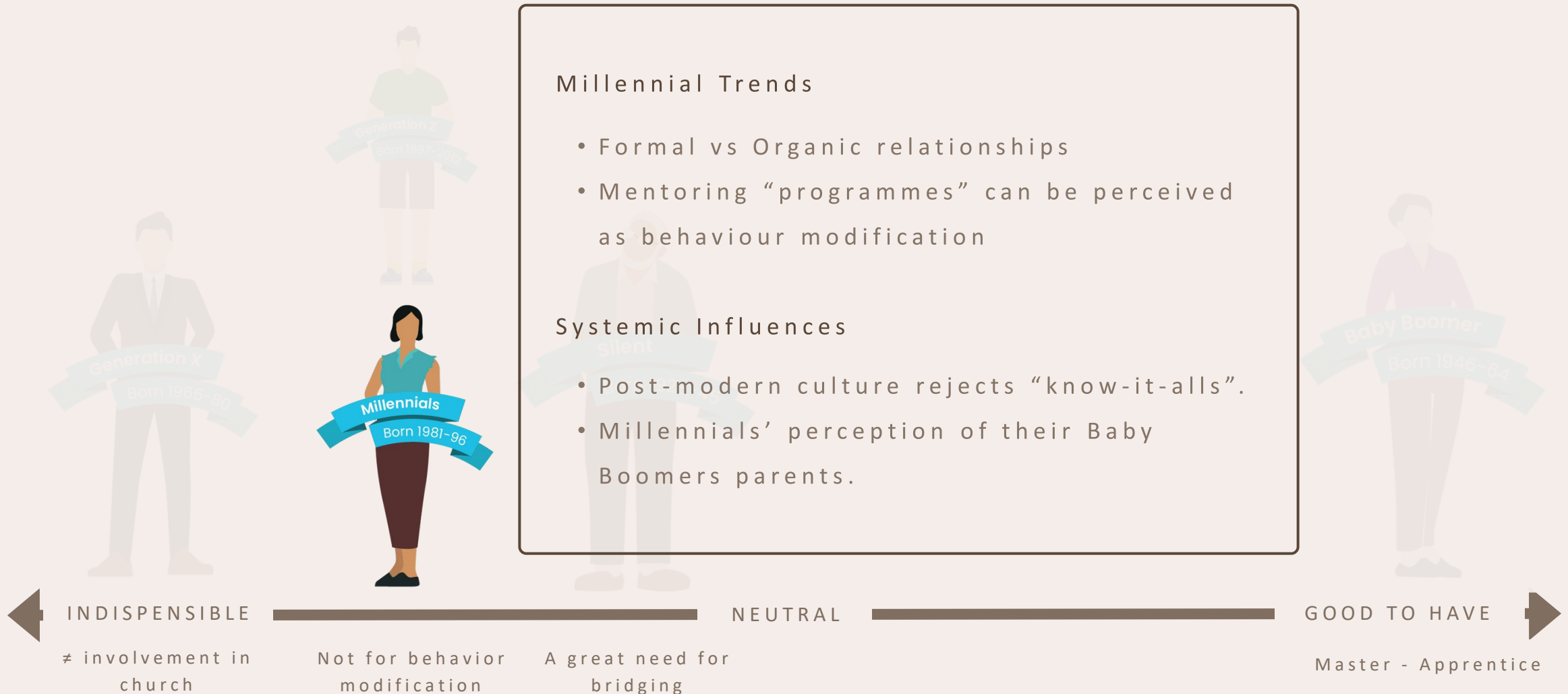
- The overlooked generation
- Feels strongly about the importance of relationships in church

Systemic Influences

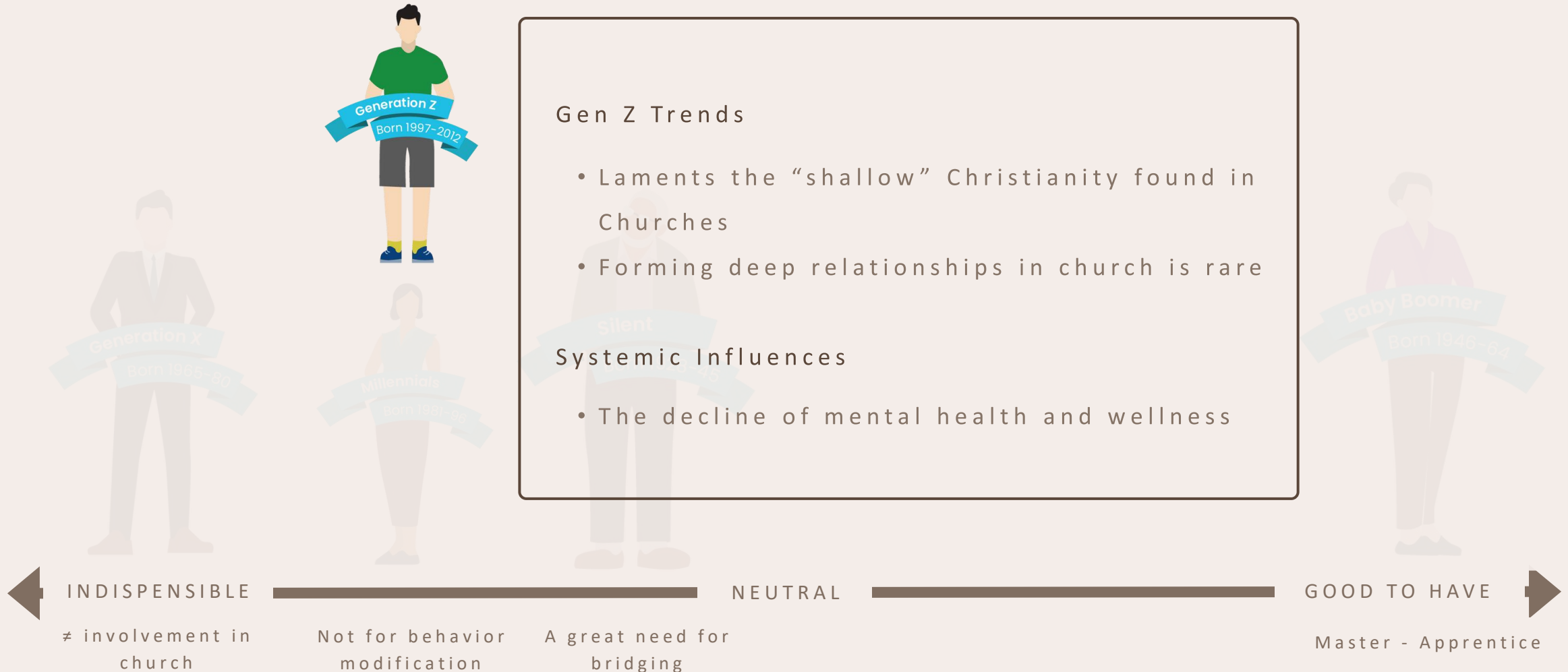
- “Hands-off” style by their parents nurtured the core value of independence



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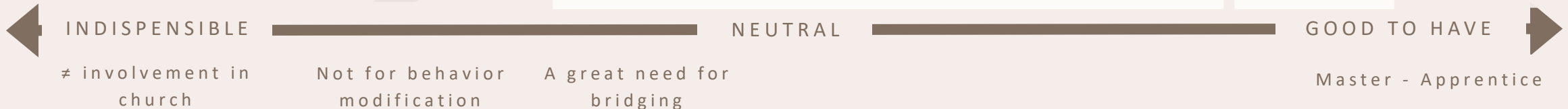
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Crude Prevalence of poor mental health among Singapore residents by age group (%)

Age Group	2017	2020	2022	2023
18 - 29	16.5	21.5	25.3	26
30 - 39	12.8	12.6	19.4	17.2
40 - 49	10.9	12.4	15.7	13.4
50 - 59	10.6	11.4	15	11.2
60 - 74	11.4	9.4	10.5	8.2

Source: National Population Health Survey



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SIGNIFICANT SURVEY RESPONSES

Baby Boomers			Gen X			Millennials			Gen Z		
Survey Question/s	SI	MI	Survey Question/s	SI	MI	Survey Question/s	SI	MI	Survey Question/s	SI	MI
When I was growing up, personal mentoring was not common; we were content to admire our heroes from afar.	27.7%	44%	I believe that my church was not sensitive enough to my changing needs as I transitioned from youth to adulthood.	23.5%	39.7%	I believe that church can be manipulative in getting members to conform to accepted behaviours.	28.9%	40.5%	I believe that church can be manipulative in getting members to conform to accepted behaviours.	31.4%	41.2%
I believe that the church should devote most of its resources to the teaching of the Bible.	53.6%	44.2%	I believe that Christians in Singapore are becoming too elitist and are out of touch with the marginalised in society.	42.4%	36.9%	I believe that people in church are generally judgmental.	23.9%	41.2%	I believe that there is a lack of personal relationships between the leadership and members of the church.	25.4%	34.9%

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Acts 21:17-26

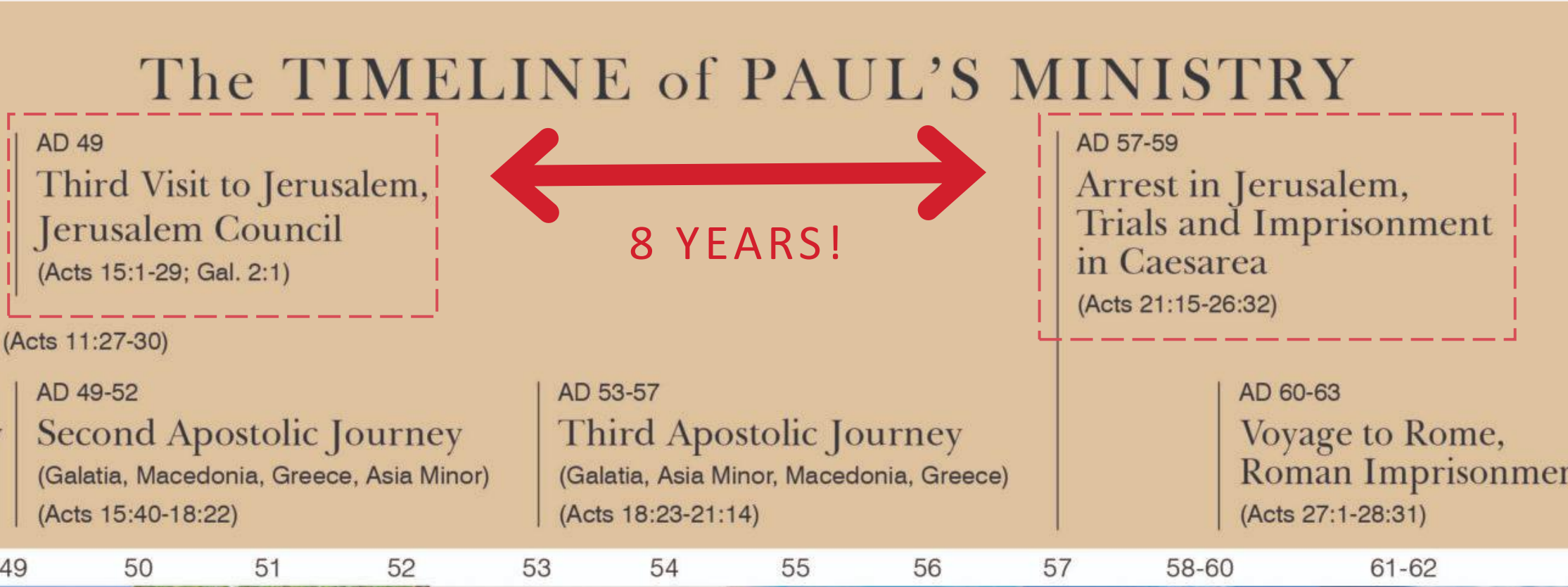
“ When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly... “You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come, so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everyone will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law... The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.”

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The TIMELINE of PAUL'S MINISTRY







WE NEED BRIDGE BUILDERS!

DISCUSSION

1

QUESTION

Do you believe that good intergenerational relationships in church is important to God?

2

QUESTION

What are some areas that you might need to “inconvenience” yourself in order to build deeper relationships?

RESPONSE SONG

Wonderful Grace

Wonderful grace that gives what I don't deserve
Pays me what Christ has earned
Then lets me go free



Wonderful grace that gives me the time to change
Washes away the stains that once covered me



And all that I have I lay at the feet
Of the wonderful Saviour Who loves me



Wonderful love that held in the face of death
Breathed in its final breath forgiveness for me
Wonderful love whose power can break every
chain
Giving us life again setting us free



And all that I have I lay at the feet
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And all that I have I lay at the feet
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UPDATE ON YOUTH DROP IN CENTER

We agreed to let Bilby, an IPC focused on serving the youth to use Evangelhub as a Youth-Drop-In-Center

Recently Bilby has transitioned to a new identity called CYPHER (Centre for Youth Work Practice Harnessing Evidence & Research)

They are in the process of refreshing their Vision and Directions and also strengthening their internal processes

They appreciate Evangel willingness to let them use Evangelhub as Youth-Drop-In-Center but at this time they decided not to proceed with this plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pulpit Ministry

Our overall theme for 2025 is “Evangelism and Discipleship”. From 27 Jul – 24 Aug, we are doing a four-part sermon series on “Inter-Generational Evangelism and Discipleship” by Dr. Tan Soo Inn and Mr. Ho Wei Hao.

This series will cover topics on the importance of inter-generational cohesiveness, understanding generational archetypes, how to build better inter-generational relationships and principles of spiritual friendship.

From 31 Aug – 28 Sep, we will begin a four-part sermon series on Apologetics. This series will cover topics on the reliability of the Bible, Who is Jesus, fulfilled prophecies about Jesus and why does God allow evil and suffering.

We will host a special tea fellowship for all visitors in the multi-purpose hall.

Please invite your pre-believing friends.



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2. St Luke's National Day Concert, 22 Aug, 12:30–2:00 pm, at Yishun Christian Centre

Please pray for :

- (a) Rev Lim Ping Fatt for wisdom and discernment as he shares the relevance of Gospel in a sensitive and non-threatening manner.
- (b) The elderly present will have a joyful and meaningful time through the songs and band music.



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3. Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025 – Magnified!, 24 & 25 Nov, at Evangel Hub

Magnified! This year's VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. Discover the bigness of God in the smallest of things at VBS 2025!

Date/Time : 24 & 25 Nov (Mon and Tue), 9:30am – 3:00pm

Ages : 4 to 12 years old (born 2021 or earlier)

Cost : \$5

We are looking for volunteers to serve – teaching, art & craft, decorating, music, games etc. Please approach Eunice or Esther to indicate interest.

Registration for VBS will be open soon! Stay tuned!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. EBC Church Camp, 12 – 15 June 2026

The dates for our next church camp will be:

Fri, 12 Jun 2026 to Mon, 15 Jun 2026.

Please mark the dates in your calendar.

More details will be provided at a later date.



Evangel Hub Activities

- ❖ **Kopi@Evangel Hub, Wed** (Contact Amy at admin@evangelbc.sg)
 - 1st & 3rd Wed: 11am to 1pm
- ❖ **YCLUB Study Sessions & Activities** (Contact Mok, Woon Ngo)
 - Study sessions (Sat 23 & 30 Aug, 2pm–4pm)
 - YCLUB Junior for pre-pri and primary students, (Sat, 3pm-4pm)
 - Bible Story, craft and others (contact Woon Ngo or Jee Meng)
 - Visit <https://evangelbc.sg/yclub-evangel/> for latest schedule
- ❖ **Exercise, Sat, 23 Aug, 6 & 13 Sep, 18 & 25 Oct**
 - Ladies (2pm-3pm): Contact Sylvia Choo
 - Table Tennis (3pm-4pm): Contact Peter Lee
- ❖ **Work Space & Other Enquiries**

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Kindly contact respective ICs or email admin@evangelbc.sg or
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PRAYER

CLOSING SONG



God Of Every Generation

Born among the peasant strangers
God incarnate came to earth
Through His poverty bore riches
In the myst'ry of His birth.



God of ev'ry generation
Reaching out to all mankind
How relentless His pursuing
As He draws us to His light



From the dawn of all creation
God the Father in His love
Offered up for our redemption
Jesus Christ, His only Son



God of ev'ry generation
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Through the heart of all believers
Worship echoes age to age
Hear the church, her saints proclaiming
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AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

