

## Why the Youth Are Leaving the Church and What We Can Do

If we want to be honest with ourselves, we have to admit that the younger generation is diametrically different than "we used to be". Their paradigm of authorities shifted, the variety of their options is much greater, and they are one click away from the best preachers' teachings...so, why go to church? With their own means of fellowship with their friends and the best preaching found online, so often, the church concept as we know it is "useless" to young people. Is it really? What can we do about it? Should "they" change? Should "we" change? Or are these questions all wrong...

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- I. To diagnose: Church culture in Europe and young people
  - A. Understanding the change
    1. Change in culture
    2. Change in church
      - a. Traditional churches
      - b. Megachurches
    3. Change in young people
      - a. Change in understanding love
      - b. Paradigm of authorities

II. To grasp: generation NOW and HERE

1. Super busy vs. super bored
2. Receiving love
3. One click away

III. To solve: Teachers vs. Shepherds

A. To involve

1. Fusion/ Edge vs. English camps

B. To love

1. Community
2. Discipleship
3. Christ-centred love

C. To speak truth

1. Discernment
2. Like a snow

***Suggested Readings:***

Josiah Venture: Deep Dive, 2013