

Engaging New People in Their Calling (Replay) - Episode 407

This summer, we're changing things up. You're on vacation; we're on vacation. We all know how this goes. You probably have road trips, plane trips, maybe a sabbatical or some conferences to attend this month.

But ministry and leadership are still happening!

So this month, we are replaying the "hits" from the last six months: the best episodes. We'll be back with fresh content **next week**, and we know you'll be gearing up for back-to-school busyness. See you on the other side! We hope you enjoy these favorites from the first half of the year.

In this episode from our "Reach & Retain Strategies" series, Noah Herrin, lead pastor of Way Church in Nashville, shares insights from the remarkable journey of growing a church plant that primarily reaches Gen Z and Millennials. Noah shares how Way Church is addressing the crisis of meaning and purpose among younger generations through intentional community building and helping people discover their unique contributions to the church's mission.

Key Quotes

1. NOAH: "We are really focusing more on the community aspect; we feel like if we can get people into genuinely deep community, they'll stick around, and they'll be more open to our mission. They'll be more open to Jesus."
2. NOAH: "The moment somebody is a part of changing someone else's life, like when they actually have a hand at play, that makes it so much more meaningful to them."
3. NOAH: "The misconception is that we've got to coddle Gen Z and Millennials. When really they're just looking for people to tell them the truth, to call them higher because they want to reach their own potential as a follower of Jesus."

Self-Assessment: How Are We Doing?

1. Would those who attend our church say that we have created a deep, meaningful community? If not, what are some changes we could make to cultivate that type of community?
2. Do we invite our community to actively participate in our mission? If yes, how successful is that invitation (i.e., are people actually answering the call)?
3. In what ways could we lower the bar so that it would be easier to accept the invitation to be involved?

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