

THE BUILD & DEFEND SERIES

# A BUILDING GENERATION

A SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY SERIES

# Introduction

Welcome to the “A Building Generation” series of small group Bible studies, designed to inspire and equip the Messengers of Peace to actively engage in the mission of the church. These lessons are crafted in conjunction with the insightful article by Bishop President Felipe Salazar, “A Building Generation: A Call to Action for the Messengers of Peace,” which serves as a companion text for our exploration of key themes.

This series comprises five engaging lessons, each focused on a distinct theme drawn from the article:

- **Lesson 1: “The Future is Now”** reminds us that young members are not just the church’s future but also its present. We explore how your unique contributions can shape our assembly today.
- **Lesson 2: “Young Evangelists and Disciples”** underscores that you, as young members, can actively engage in evangelism and discipleship. We examine the powerful impact of young leaders in our faith community.
- **Lesson 3: “Your Calling Beyond the Church Walls”** encourages you to integrate your faith into all aspects of your life, recognizing that God’s calling extends beyond the church walls.
- **Lesson 4: “Fulfillment and Purpose”** explores the idea that fulfillment and purpose come from actively participating in the mission of the church.
- **Lesson 5: “Be the Change”** empowers you to take initiative in bringing positive change to your local church and community.

Throughout this series, we will delve deeper into these themes, engaging in meaningful discussions, reflecting on relevant Bible verses, and considering practical applications. As you embark on this journey, remember that you are not alone; together, we are building a generation of Messengers of Peace who actively contribute to the growth and impact of the Apostolic Assembly and the Kingdom of God.

Let’s begin this exciting exploration, keeping President Felipe Salazar’s vision and guidance in mind, as we discover our role in fulfilling the mission of evangelism, discipleship, and living out our faith.

# Lesson 1: "The Future is Now"

**Key Verse:** Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

**Ice Breaker:** Share a memorable moment from your childhood that helped shape your faith.

## Lesson Outline:

*Introduction (5 minutes):*

- Welcome and prayer.
- As a group, read the section "The Future is Now" in the article "A Building Generation: A Call to Action for the Messengers of Peace" by Bishop President Felipe Salazar available at [MOPmag.com](http://MOPmag.com).

*Bible Study (10 minutes):*

- Read and discuss Proverbs 22:6.
- Explore the idea that young people play a significant role in the church's present and future.

*Discussion Questions (15 minutes):*

1. How can young members actively contribute to the church's mission of evangelism and discipleship?
2. What unique qualities do young people bring to leadership and ministry?
3. Share an example of a young person who made a positive impact on your church or community.

*Application (5 minutes):*

- Ask participants to reflect on their own contributions to the church and how they can be more active in their faith right now.
- Encourage them to think about practical steps they can take this week to fulfill their role as Messengers of Peace.

**Take Action:** Each participant should reach out to a mentor or senior member of the church to seek guidance on how they can actively participate in the church's mission.

## Lesson 2: "Young Evangelists and Disciples"

**Key Verse:** 1 Timothy 4:12 - "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

**Ice Breaker:** Share a personal experience when you were encouraged by someone younger than you.

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*Introduction (5 minutes):*

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- As a group, read the section "Young Evangelists and Disciples" in the article "A Building Generation: A Call to Action for the Messengers of Peace" by Bishop President Felipe Salazar available at [MOPmag.com](http://MOPmag.com).

*Bible Study (10 minutes):*

- Read and discuss 1 Timothy 4:12.
- Explore the concept that young members can actively evangelize and disciple others.

*Discussion Questions (15 minutes):*

1. How can young people effectively share the message of Christ's love with their peers?
2. Share an example of a young person who inspired you through their faith and actions.
3. How can young members mentor and disciple others, both within and outside the church?

*Application (5 minutes):*

- Ask participants to identify one person in their life they can evangelize or disciple, and make a plan to engage with that person in a meaningful way.

**Take Action:** Encourage participants to reach out to the person they identified and begin a conversation about faith, spirituality, or a related topic.

# Lesson 3: "Your Calling Beyond the Church Walls"

**Key Verse:** Colossians 3:17 - "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

**Ice Breaker:** Share how you integrate your faith into your daily life.

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### *Introduction (5 minutes):*

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### *Bible Study (10 minutes):*

- Read and discuss Colossians 3:17.
- Explore the concept that young members can be lights for Christ in their educational and professional pursuits.

### *Discussion Questions (15 minutes):*

1. How can young people integrate their faith into their education and career choices?
2. Share examples of individuals who have made a significant impact on their workplaces or schools through their faith.
3. What challenges do young Christians face in maintaining their faith in secular environments, and how can they overcome them?

### *Application (5 minutes):*

- Ask participants to think of one practical way they can be a positive influence for Christ in their school or workplace and commit to doing it.

**Take Action:** Encourage participants to share their experiences and challenges from applying their faith in their educational or professional settings during the next session.

## Lesson 4: "Fulfillment and Purpose"

**Key Verse:** Psalm 37:4 - "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

**Ice Breaker:** Share a moment when you felt a deep sense of fulfillment and purpose in your life.

### Lesson Outline:

*Introduction (5 minutes):*

- Welcome and prayer.
- As a group, read the section "Fulfillment and Purpose" in the article "A Building Generation: A Call to Action for the Messengers of Peace" by Bishop President Felipe Salazar available at [MOPmag.com](http://MOPmag.com).

*Bible Study (10 minutes):*

- Read and discuss Psalm 37:4.
- Explore the idea that true fulfillment and purpose come from actively participating in the mission of the church.

*Discussion Questions (15 minutes):*

1. What are some common misconceptions about where people find fulfillment and purpose in life?
2. How does actively engaging in evangelism and discipleship contribute to a deeper sense of purpose?
3. Share personal experiences of how serving others and living out your faith has brought you fulfillment.

*Application (5 minutes):*

- Ask participants to consider one way they can serve others or contribute to the church's mission that aligns with their passions and talents.

**Take Action:** Encourage participants to put their plan into action during the week and share their experiences in the next session.

# Lesson 5: "Be the Change"

**Key Verse:** Matthew 5:16 - "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

**Ice Breaker:** Share an instance when you took the initiative to make a positive change in your community or church.

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*Introduction (5 minutes):*

- Welcome and prayer.
- As a group, read the section "Be the Change" in the article "A Building Generation: A Call to Action for the Messengers of Peace" by Bishop President Felipe Salazar available at [MOPmag.com](http://MOPmag.com).

*Bible Study (10 minutes):*

- Read and discuss Matthew 5:16.
- Explore the concept that individual actions and initiatives can inspire change in the church and community.

*Discussion Questions (15 minutes):*

1. Why is it essential for individuals to take the initiative in bringing positive change to their local church and community?
2. Share examples of individuals or groups that have initiated positive change in your church or neighborhood.
3. How can young members inspire and mobilize others to join in fulfilling the mission of evangelism and discipleship?

*Application (5 minutes):*

- Ask participants to brainstorm and plan an initiative or project they can lead or participate in to bring positive change to their church or community.

**Take Action:** Participants should take steps to start or participate in their chosen initiative and report back on their progress and experiences in the next session.