

Reaching Our Post- Modern Generation

Textbook Definition: *Postmodernism is complex and sometimes contradictory. Postmodernism rejects most of the fundamental intellectual pillars of modern Western civilization. In short, postmodernism represents a rejection of the philosophy that has characterized Western thought since its beginning.*

Real-World Definition: Postmodernism is a basic rejection of doing things the way that they have always been done. Post-Moderns are usually anti-establishment, against any sort of formal structure and refuse to be placed in anyone else's mold.

HOW JESUS REACHED THEM:

As we study Jesus' ministry, we discover three steps of reaching out:

- 1) He was constantly **connecting with people** where they were.
- 2) He provided people a **hope** for tomorrow by imparting eternal truth.
- 3) He always desired that the **Truth** and each person would become one.

3 CRIES OF THE POST-MODERN STUDENT:

In his book, *"The Disconnected Generation,"* Josh McDowell gives us a glimpse of what the post-modern student is crying out for.

1) LOVE & CARE

"If I were asked to identify the one core reason that young people are succumbing to the lure of a godless culture and lashing out with rage, I would say that it is that they feel alone and disconnected."

2) TRUTH ON WHICH TO BASE HIS/HER LIFE

"I have concluded that unless our students become convinced of the truth and credibility of their faith, when something more exciting or emotionally stimulating comes along, they will change their belief and abandon whatever Christian faith they do have."

3) A MODEL TO FOLLOW

"Students are no longer asking which faith is true or most credible, but which faith works for them. So to take our students beyond subjective believism, we must not only show that Christianity works, but we must also show that it actively works because it is true!"