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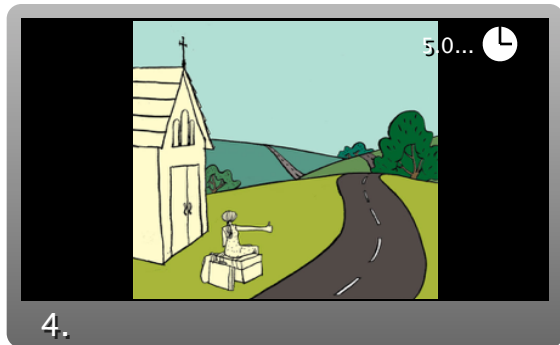
Current U. S. Church Statistics:

- 3-4 new churches are started every day
- 11-12 churches close their doors every day
- Only 15% of churches are growing
- Largest unrepresented age group in church: 18-29
- 2/3 of young people leave the church after high school

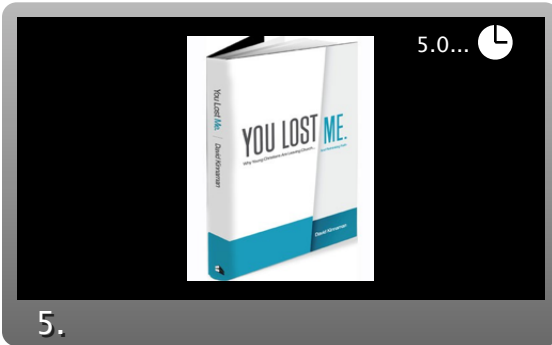
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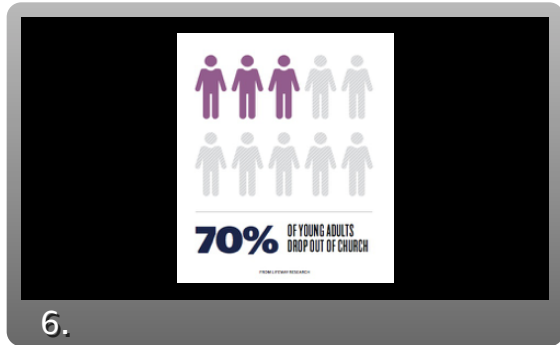
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Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so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

7. Acts 16:1-5 (NIV)

As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

8. Acts 16:1-5 (NIV)

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.
2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)

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But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)

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In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.
Acts 14:8-10 (NIV)

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Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.
Acts 14:19-20 (NIV)

12. Acts 14:19-20 (NIV)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

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What does the younger generation bring?
energy/passion
fresh ideas
inspiration
What does the older generation bring?
experience
resources
wisdom

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How is Grace investing in younger generation:
Youth Ministry
Young Adult Mission Community
Serving Opportunities
FORM
Sunday visibility

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