

Leadership Tips

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on Milestones: Engaging a Generation

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This Micro issue of *Leadership Tips* is a result of a presentation at the 2010 Open Bible Eastern Region spring conference.

Eastern Region's spring 2010 conference, April 21-23, was entitled "Embracing a Generation." The conference was hosted by Jim and Betty Brown at the Bellbrook Community Church (near Dayton, Ohio). The keynote speaker was Dr. Earl Creps, church planter and author of *Reverse Mentoring: How Young Leaders can Transform the Church and Why We Should Let Them*.

During the conference, Josh Ellis, NextStep Ministries Director, and Matt Thomas, pastor of Gateway Church in Huber Heights, Ohio, presented the "Milestones" strategy for their region. Milestones is a systematic and strategic plan to "engage a generation (post-high school young adults)" with the REALITY of Christ's "gospel of the Kingdom" in a "post-modern" culture.

Although this plan may not "fit" all of our regions, the paradigm is excellent (and BIBLICAL) and can be contextualized in other settings. It is a relational model that can be reproduced in various contexts without a lot of financial resources. It is "relational intensive" with "multiplication" potential!

I would recommend that you get a copy of the Milestones presentation and manual by contacting the Eastern Region office by phone at 937.898.2864 or e-mail to info@openbibleeast.org. Prayerfully watch the video and read through the manual asking God if there is "application" for you in your context!