



## Two Questions: How did this happen so quickly? What can we do?

### 1. Live Authentic Lives - Integrity (Phil. 4:8-9)

*"Don't do as I do, but do as I say"*

Questions we should be asking ourselves:

In our daily lives are our kids . . .

- Hearing about God?
- Praying to God?
- Talking About God?
- Living for God?

(Authentic Faith: Helping Kids Connect to God by Jennifer Bryant  
find at <https://practicalfamily.org/authentic-helping-kids-connect-god/>)

### 2. Embrace Authentic Community (Psalm 145:4)

*"God's people called together for God's purpose"*

- Be Part of the Story: to know and be known
- Love: to love and be loved, to express love and receive love
- Serve: to serve and be served
- Celebrate: to celebrate and be celebrated

(4 Mark of Authentic Community by Bill Donahue - find at churchleaders.com)

### 3. Accept the Challenge (Deuteronomy 4:9)

### 4. Live in God's Promise (Philippians 1:6)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Review point 1 - Living Authentic Lives. In your home which habits are you good and which ones do you need to work on? Discuss
2. Read Psalm 145:4. Who impacted you in your walk with God from another generation? Discuss.
3. Memorize the key verse for VBS week (Philippians 1:6)
4. Pray for God to use VBS for his glory. Also, Remember to pray each day for the leaders and kids at VBS.

**Judges 2:6-14:** When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. <sup>7</sup> And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel. <sup>8</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of 110 years. <sup>9</sup> And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. <sup>10</sup> And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

<sup>11</sup> And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals. <sup>12</sup> And they abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the Lord to anger. <sup>13</sup> They abandoned the Lord and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. <sup>14</sup> So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies.

**Philippians 4:8-9:** Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things. <sup>9</sup> Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Psalm 145:4:** One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts.

**Deuteronomy 4:9:** Only be on your guard and diligently watch yourselves, so that you don't forget the things your eyes have seen and so that they don't slip from your mind as long as you live. Teach them to your children and your grandchildren.

**Philippians 1:6:** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.