

DISCIPLESHIP IN THE CONCEPT OF POWER MINISTRY BASED ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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Abstract

Discipleship is undeniably the psychomotor of the church as well as the application of the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Himself did discipleship which started with 12 disciples as well as 70 disciples. Likewise with the life of the Apostles, there were Paul, Silas, Timothy and Titus, where they became messengers of Christ Jesus the Lord preaching about the Kingdom of Heaven. The kingdom of heaven gave birth to the church. So the youth with the concept of the kingdom of heaven should be a bridge for the millennial generation. Millennials tend to be: Multitasking (working with a variety of activities), Collaboration (strong collaboration skills), Transparency (openness in many fields), balance of work and way of life (healthy ways of life and nutritious intake), Tech savvy that is concerned with the latest technology / updates status, connected in social media, hard worker, concerned with job satisfaction. Reaching the end of the concept of discipleship with power of ministry based on the kingdom of heaven has not been as expected unto the millennial generation in life will become a strong generation with a mentality that is more than a winner with the power of the Lord Jesus working in their lives. They live under free sex, drugs and pornography ect. How can we as a leader to disciple them and knowing heavenly Father to become a millennial generation who have dignity and are directed towards the glory of God.

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INTRODUCTION

The statistical Data mention that the promiscuity among the younger generation AS very worrying: First, 10 of 7 young women and 8 young men the age of a dozen years has become one with the other do free association. Second, young women are more aggressive and assertive, that is one of the young women mix freely with 4 friends of his.

Third, every minute there are 2 pregnant teens, teen pregnancy reached 40% of all pregnancies nationally, of 3 the birth of one of them out of wedlock. In the year 2017 recorded 1.200.000 pregnancy outside of marriage and a new half who successfully aborted. Fourth, the spread of venereal disease among teenagers in U.S. is increasing, especially AIDS. Every minute 3 people contracting the Virus HIV causes

the disease AIDS.¹ Today AIDS is the number one killer among teens and the younger generation (Dr. Harold Jaffe, 1994). Another prediction mentions in the year 2019, AIDS is the number one killer above heart disease.² Fifth, although the teenagers are given sex education in schools and taught how to prevent pregnancy and venereal disease, it turns out that sex education given backfired, venereal disease is increasing and pregnancy out of wedlock more and more.

The results of the evaluation showed it turns out that 74% of them did not use condom and contraceptives other, 65% do anal sex. What about the case in Indonesia? Also very alarming occurs setback that befell a generation of young people, the meaning of: increasing the number of those who smoke, use drugs, violations of sexual and pornography, fights and so on. The Data is quite alarming for example, according to the survey of Social Economy: 2018, 23% of the population aged 10 years and above have the habit of smoking. More than 50% started at the age of 15-19 years. Also 2018 the results of a survey of Institutions

Tackling the Problem of Smoking stated that 59% of men and 4.8% of women aged 10 years and over “now smoking”, at least a day for at least 3 months. The habit of smoking is one of the door become a user of narcotics. The division of the large of drug users are smokers. Currently in Indonesia, at least, there are 5 million drug addicts in which 70% of his 14-15 years old. An increasing number of patients also appear from the user by the number of patients treated in hospital kecandungan drugs for example: in the year 2015 is 1,500 patients, 2016 to be 3,500, 2017 to be 5.847, 1999 be 9.852 and until June 2018 existing 7.512 patients. The abuse of narcotics and psychotropic substances has been reaching out to the younger generation to get to the village as well as entry to the economically weak.

In addition to the above problems, the young generation and also the range will be a violation of sexual and pornography, in addition to being a rape victim. On a rasia students in order to capture the users and dealers of narcotics are also found condoms, DVD pictures porn. The increased use of

¹ AIDS is venereal disease deadly. For that, avoid extramarital sexual relations or adultery (prostitution, promiscuity, and same-sex or homosexual sex). This disease is deadly because until now no cure has been found. Why is it called a venereal disease because more than 90% of it is transmitted or spread through sexual contact outside of marriage or extramarital or adultery. The difference with other venereal diseases, AIDS

venereal disease can also be transmitted through syringes and transfusions of contaminated blood, or babies through the umbilical cord from a contaminated mother.

² Today in the US there are 4 major killers, namely: heart disease, cancer, accidents and suicide. In 2015 AIDS ranked first in the DDI for heart disease.

narcotics and sexual transgressions, the real effect on the increase in the number of addicts with HIV/AIDS reached 7 people.

Also about the fights of students increasing course quality and kuantitasnya. According to Kompas, in Jakarta 2015/2016 recorded 93 cases, in 2017, the 230 cases, and in 2018 the victims of the brawl be the 26 cases, 56 heavy injuries and 103 wound teen. And according to survey Research Institutions and the Development Problems of Narcotics and the Young Generation of Indonesia, it is known that of the 100 cases of brawl are infected with the drug.

Prof. Dr. Fawzia Aswin, professor of the Faculty of Psychology UI, said that the data Polda Metro Jaya shows that during the year 2018 occurs 193 the case of the brawl students in 257 schools in Jakarta. Means the average student brawls in the capital once every 2 days brawl, as a result 35 students were killed, 204 wounded and 478 of the vehicle is damaged.

From the above examples when the society being permissive under the pretext of “freedom” and human RIGHTS, or what excuse to let the style of life that continues, it can already imagine how the shape or structure of the family in the future? Then, is there any form of family as we profess now this? Which in turn use SCIENCE without FAITH instead of bringing welfare, but rather the destruction of a social order,

the family. Isn't the scholar Einstein said, “Science without religion equals blind, and religion without science is the same with the lame?” From the above problems it is necessary to Discipleship as a generation millennialis this time, because the role of discipleship is a responsibility we as a leader in educating a generation of millenialis in carrying out the truth of the Word of God. Now church leaders are increasingly aware that the truth of God's Word in many things must be translated in the right language or he will not be as it says Proverbs 25 : 11 Words spoken just the right time is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Our responsibility as a leader/servant of the Lord is the one who allows that the truth of God's Word can speak with authority on the younger generation in any depth the issue of life. Refers to the Word of God, then believers should choose to marry, instead choosing to live together without marriage, instead of living single with multiple partners, not promiscuous, not live in pairs with similar, not live whoring, or a form of adultery of others. Similarly children should be children from the results of a legal marriage. Research proves that the development of children from the results of the extramarital relationship will not develop properly as well as the risk to behave in a deviant larger than the children born of both parents who are legally

married.

Over here necessary Discipleship digenerasi millennial, it cannot be denied that discipleship is one of the elements that can bring the growth of the faith in the generation now this. Discipleship is one of the tasks the existence of the church in the face of the earth, that is faith formation. The church should be able to be leaders who make disciples. Auo Nainggolan in his book entitled "Leadership, the Proclamation of the Word and the Church that is Growing in the Era of Millennial" and wrote that "Leadership quality in the days of millennial is not just enough only with the ability that its legality based on the pattern of a brilliant mind alone but have to combine the quality of faith or a spiritual quality that have an impact and be consistent in the service that pleases God.

The church has an important role and virtue in himself to guide the church of God to understand his purpose in life as people who have been redeemed from sin through Jesus Christ and is even willing to give himself to be the individual or tool of God to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to all people.³ The Great commission of the Lord Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20, become a benchmark that most main.

All those who have received redemption and freedom in Christ Jesus, are required to be disciples of the Lord and go to preach the message of the grace of salvation for all nations. New Testament scholar George Eldon Ladd provides an important commentary on the gospel's relationship to the kingdom of God, through the concept of *basileia*. Through a broader study, Eldon Ladd said, in the face of the power of the Kingdom of God in Christ, death was helpless. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom. The preaching of the gospel is inseparable from the reign of God in His Son Jesus Christ and it includes how believers are involved in discipleship until they eventually become spiritually mature or have strong faith in Christ. Even death cannot touch Christ's church because He has overcome it. In other words, discipleship is very important for all groups, not limited by age. The emphasis of the Lord Jesus on His disciples so that they would go only to convey the gospel of the Kingdom of God and its centrality to repentance and forgiveness of sins, cast out all evil spirits, heal all sicknesses.⁴

Aulen's perspective more concretely says the New Testament church has two realities, both the Pentecostal congregation

³ George Eldon Ladd, "The Gospel of the Kingdom" in Perspectives. Third Edition (Pasadena, Ca: William Carey, 1999)

⁴ 8AUO Nainggolan, Leadership, Preaching the Word and the Church Growing in the Millennial Era (Yayasan Kita Writing, 2019)

(as explained in Acts 2 and 4) as well as the Easter church.⁵ This contains the stipulation that the church is present in the world and not from the world. The church is a model or pattern of Christ's government among His people who are still in the world. This pattern is known as royal community. It is more precisely called the royal priesthood (cf. 1 Peter 2: 9-10).

The reality of the relationship between young people and others who are gathered in a community and form a unity of believers (unity of am) is a very important reality in this era. Because this millennial youth community actually also represents the government of God and God as King over His people. The reign of God in the midst of the Church is an organic unity. Then the term for the disciplined group means cells or complexes. Grows and produces new cells. This shows that God's Kingdom and God's government are strategic and effective in order to reach these people to join in walking with Christ.

That the church should attend to young people is a must. Daryl Eldridge said, the church needs them. ⁶Our churches benefit from their life, enthusiasm, and commitment to do God's will. Youth are

seeking to discover who they are and why they are. The bottom line is the life of young people

RESEARCH METHOD

This research method is descriptive-analysis, in this method the researcher explores the use of the word "service in power" which refers to its relation to the concept of discipleship. Two words that are the main focus of this research are *dunamis* and *exousia* which are translated into "power" in Indonesian. In addition to tracing the theological meaning of powerful ministry associated with discipleship, it starts with the creation events recorded in the Old Testament and the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ and the disciples in the New Testament and his blood for the church at that time. After using these two words, the researcher will continue with research into the theological foundation of discipleship for the Kingdom of God.

From the data collected, the researcher will get a clear picture of the "power service" concept of discipleship, both literally, in context and in the background. Furthermore, the researcher attempts to connect the powerful ministry written in the Bible for the kingdom of heaven with the life of the church today,

⁵ Gustaf Aulen, *The Faith of the Christian Church* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1977) 294.

⁶ Daryl Eldridge, "Teaching Youth" In *The Teaching Ministry of the Church* (Nashville - Tennessee: Broadman & Holman, 1995) 241.

especially the millennial generation.

The type or type of research used is a qualitative type. The use of this method leads to efforts to understand and interpret the meaning of a particular event and situation, and to connect with human behavior according to the perspective of the researcher. In Ihalauw's view, the inductive approach or attachment leads to the formation of concepts and or modification of concepts, propositions or arranging propositions to form theories. The choice of qualitative type is motivated to develop a theory or pattern in order to obtain principles about discipleship based on the theology of the Kingdom of God as witnessed by the Gospels and the New Testament books.

The selection of qualitative methods that reflect that this research process will achieve what John McLeod calls: a core, or central category. The core findings of this research process, through the act of analyzing original or secondary data, will at least produce a story line that is consistent with the researcher's experience in understanding the actual research situation. By verifying the data found from the literature review during the research process occurs.

In order to complete this research, the descriptive method will be used during the process to describe the research activities

carried out on certain objects, namely discipleship at GBI Sukawrna Bandung in a clear and systematic manner. The task of this research is to use a qualitative type with a descriptive method that is used to study the problem and get a deeper meaning about discipleship with the pattern of the Kingdom of God (the Kingdom of God).

This qualitative approach is functioned because it intends to develop the concept of thought, understanding of the patterns contained in discipleship as taught by Jesus Christ in the Gospels and other New Testament letters in order to reach today's millennial generation to live in grace and truth. Data collection techniques in this study are in accordance with the research objectives. Because of its basis in understanding Christian theology, the data collection process emphasizes library studies. With library studies, it will target to obtain information obtained from theological books and non-book literature such as dictates, magazines related to contemporary discipleship.

In this study, the instrument that is believed to be suitable is literature research to explore the nature of discipleship of the pattern of the Kingdom of God and its influence on the content and way of life of the millennial generation in the church. The main and most important reference used in this study is the Bible - the Word of God. By

using the Bible, the highest standard for objective and accurate data will always refer to the biblical statements.

This main line becomes a standard guideline for discipleship for today's millennial generation. The biblical perspective is a rule, especially in tracing various data on discipleship obtained through literature studies and also interviews with sources, in this case GBI Sukawarna Bandung, who do discipleship. The number of respondents was set at only 8 (eight) people, so that this source of theological data and information became the identity of the theological foundation formation of discipleship among the church's millennial youth. These various data sources, especially those related to the research subject (examining the three domains of the study of the previous texts in chapter two) in the GBI Sukawarna church, Bandung, will be considered for their feasibility so that later they will be more complete, in-depth and reliable. The data collection model is according to table 1. below.

Table 1. Research Instruments

Extracting interview data:	Experience the new birth by the Holy Spirit	Live in Christ's righteousness
1. Why	Aspects emphasized	Emphasis must
2. How	The real process	Early start

3. What	Essential	Mean
4. When	Referring someone	Task form
5. Who is	Guiding aspect	To be responsible

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Millennial youth are different from the previous generation. The location of the difference cannot be denied because they are now growing and developing with various large influences from outside themselves, but that influence is mostly not building their spiritual life. IT technology and the presence of various social media tools have had a strong influence on this talented generation but in the opposite direction to Allah's intention. The creation of various cultures whether it is K-Pop in Korea, and the search for idols and talents in several leading countries both in America, British and the Asian continent in Singapore reflect that young people have the deepest needs. And that need needs to be met but is constrained because personal tendencies or dispositions are shackled by vicious or malicious digital intrusions. It is called doxing, which means spreading information to the public without the consent of the account owner. This is one of the social traps against the millennial generation.

The reality of the life of this millennial generation that Renald Khasali

labeled the strawberry generation, a young community group that lacks resilience and a fragile mentality. This generation is actually being breathed by a cheerful and colorful spirit of life, but they don't really know who they really are. The characteristics of millennial youth are listed in the eight characteristics below:

- a. Multitasking (working with a variety of activities).
- b. Collaboration (strong collaboration skills).
- c. Transparency (openness in many fields).
- d. Balance of work and way of life (healthy way of life and nutritious intake).
- e. Tech savvy is concerned with the latest technology / status updates.
- f. Connect on social media.
- g. Hard worker.
- h. Concerned with job satisfaction.

By paying attention to the traits inherent in the lives of this millennial generation, at least their way of life that emphasizes smart and skilled work is a positive side of their life, which is called generation Y. But just as there is a positive side, there is also a negative side to this generation. They need a meaningful life in the midst of a fast flow of change so that they are able to live in balance. If it is not obtained, the lives of those who are enslaved by social media technology will lead them to a meaningless life. This can be seen from the trend of

suicide and lifestyle as a drug user to devian behavior.

The main points of discussion in this research are: "The need for young people to have authority over their lives is hindered because they are shackled by sin in their personal position. Therefore, discipleship is very much needed that is centered on the gospel of the Kingdom of God to be able to restore young people to new creations and they are free to receive back authority as God's children. "

The objectives of this discussion are:

- a. Developing the concept of discipleship that is biblical and suitable for the current millennial generation by exploring the main components of the Kingdom of God to be induced into the lives of young people who need a true life orientation.
- b. Exploring comprehensively the important points of the responsible development process in the discipleship program for millennial youth to prevent them from becoming the strawberry generation, as mentioned by observers of the lifestyle of millennials.

CONCLUSION

The application for millennial youth discipleship based on the Kingdom of God to the three components of biblical findings, whether it is the experience of being born again by the Holy Spirit, then learning to

live in the truth of Christ to the involvement of students in ministry in local churches (Worship Raya, Komsel, COOL, KOM to Junior Church) effective in reaching millennial youth. In these main points, the needs of millennial youth for proof along with evidence, changes in ways of life and relationships / relationships can be met. This is an important criterion for an objective discipleship program.

The GBI Sukawarna Bandung Church in the end gets benefits (benefits as well as benefits), especially its ability to regenerate the church by implementing discipleship with the concept of a powerful service based on the kingdom of Heaven to millennial youth is an important goal of the church today. This church has proven to the world that the harvest of the last days depends on specific discipleship. Not limited to worship.

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