

Draft Paper

How to Minister to Boomers, Busters, and Builders

When it comes to Boomers, technology is a foreign language to them they have had to learn and are not entirely comfortable with. Many church Boomers members are intimidated and frustrated by technology. Boomers in the church have a lot of questions. They are subject to change. They don't understand why people don't go to church, they base the growth of the church by increase membership, why things are changing so fast, and why their precious organizations are failing.

One of the things that pastors have the opportunity to do for these people is to lovingly and graciously teach them why things have gone the way they have and what it means for the future of the church. If you want them to understand you, then you need to understand them.

Busters are not much interested in the institutional church; numbers of Busters are actively avoiding the traditional Christians faith. But, at the same time they are a strongly spiritually minded group. Nearly two-third say having a close relationship with God is very important. Yet, one quarter would describe themselves as "born-again" Christians, and a little more than a third say that being involved in any kind of local church is important.

AS the pastor for the member of this generation must commit to drawing this generation into relationship with Jesus. The pastor must make connection, because Busters yearns to be connected not only with the Creator and the creation, but also to others who share the same beliefs and values.