

## **Discipling the Next Generation: How to reach the "Millennials"**

The world is experiencing drastic changes and similarly the Church is also going through drastic changes. We are in the era of the "internet" and the "iPhone". We are seeing in the political life, a generation that were witnesses to the first African-American president and also living under the presidency of the infamous Donald Trump. This generation is living a new digital identity through Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat as well as surviving the economic downturn of 2008 or the "Great Recession". These are some of the realities in the life of a Millennial in the United States. Likewise, we have to ask ourselves, "where are the young people in the church and how do we make disciples?"

This talk will have a conversation about three areas: the socioeconomic life of the Millennial generation, the models of discipleship practiced by our own churches, and adopting new practices to reach the Millennial generation. You will have time for small group discussion and collective responses. This talk will be more effective for pastors, lay leaders, and youth leaders. Depending on our participants, there is a possibility that this talk will become bilingual.

The one who will direct the talk is David Jaimes, from Santa Ana United Methodist Church. He has more than 10 years in pastoring young people in different cultural contexts. He graduated with his Bachelor of Theology and is currently studying at Fuller Theological Seminary. David was born in Lima, Peru, but immigrated to the United States since he was 9 months old. He lived all his life in Orange County and with his family planted several churches in the Hispanic community. He has a pastoral call, and a desire to develop leaders from the church.