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Catching the Wave

How Your Church Can Reach a Spiritually Hungry Generation

After years of church decline, something is happening in the UK—a sharp rise in the number of young people who identify as followers of Jesus and attend church regularly.

This new, quiet revival among Gen Z and Gen A presents the church with a tremendous opportunity.

Drawing on his experience as the National Director of British Youth for Christ, Neil O'Boyle encourages you to seize this moment of spiritual openness as he...

- Shares inspiring stories about youth workers and youth
- Offers insights from statistics, research and experience
- Suggests practical ideas you can adapt to your context
- Equips you to communicate with young people and care well for them in the social issues they face

Through O'Boyle's emphasis on prayer and self-reflection, you'll find yourself anchored in a sense of God's power as you seek to participate in God's exciting work among the younger generations.

About the Author



Neil O'Boyle has spent more than three decades walking alongside young people and church communities in the UK and around the world. His heart is to see the church live out an invitational and missional culture, where both churched and unchurched young people encounter Jesus in everyday life. As National Director of Youth for Christ Britain, Neil has championed evangelism and discipleship that are rooted in Scripture, Spirit-led and shaped by real cultural understanding. Neil now serves as the Senior Pastor of Buckskin Evangelical Church.

Endorsements

“If you are wanting to see young people’s lives changed by Jesus in your community and wondering where to begin, then this book is for you. Beautiful in tone and wonderfully practical, it gives insight about a generation alongside a vision of what transformation through Jesus could look like in your community.”

Laura Hancock

National Ministries Director, British Youth for Christ

“Packed full of practical wisdom, theological reflection and cultural engagement, this book will grow your knowledge of and passion for younger generations. It is biblically rooted, powerfully authentic and packed with real-life stories of hope. Moreover, Neil O’Boyle is the real deal. I know few people who have served in gospel work amongst teenagers so faithfully and in such a diverse range of contexts. Readers will not only ‘catch’ his distilled wisdom but some of his contagious passion to see a lost generation encounter Jesus.”

Phil Knox

Evangelical Alliance

Suggested Interview Questions

1. Beyond the statistics, what was the primary personal conviction that motivated you to write this book?
2. What is the “wave” you describe, and how should the church prepare to catch it?
3. What is the key evidence for the rising spiritual openness in Gen Z-A?
4. How do you recommend ministry leaders find the balance between maintaining biblical truth and showing grace to a progressive generation?
5. How should Christians communicate gospel truth to a generation prioritizing subjective morality?
6. How has the four-part framework of mental, physical, social, and spiritual life shaped your personal understanding of a whole-life gospel?
7. How does the principle of “taste and see that the Lord is good” guide your philosophy for creating a welcoming youth ministry space?
8. In an era of deep spiritual seeking, what are the non-negotiable reasons for encouraging new believers to replace digital habits with high-bar discipleship?
9. What initial, non-faith services would you recommend a church offer to a local school to build trust?
10. How does the “go slow and go together” philosophy directly translate into a core operational principle for a local church engaging in youth ministry, and what specific dangers does it help mitigate?

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