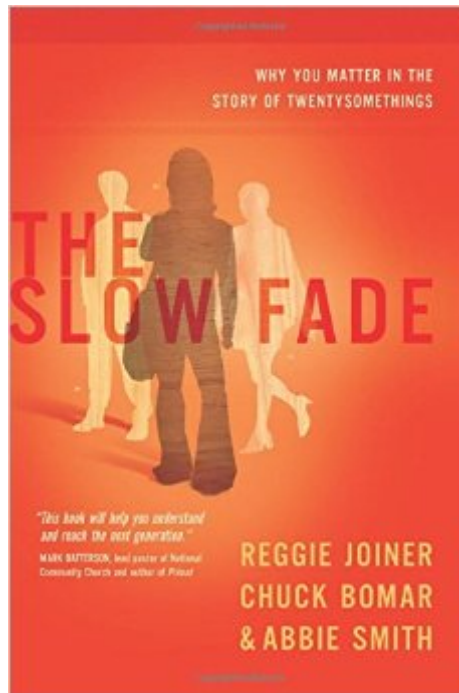


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# The Slow Fade: Why You Matter In The Story Of Twentysomethings (The Orange Series)



## Synopsis

A discussion of the most overlooked and underdeveloped facet of the modern churchâ”how to keep college-aged people engaged in faith. Many churches and families have programmed a youth ministry finish line at twelfth grade. They walk their seniors out the door, breathe a sigh of relief, and let them disappear for a few years. There is an assumption theyâ”ll return to church later, as adults with young families. Many never come back. They become less and less involved in church and faith and, eventually, absent altogetherâ”they slowly fade away. Facing critical decisions that affect the rest of their lives, college-aged people need a faith community more than ever. A senior pastor, a college pastor, and a twenty-somethingâ”rethink one-on-one mentorship as the way to end the slow fade. They offer insights and suggestions that will help anyone get started fighting the fade. Â

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This book spoke truth about the most effective ways to work with 20 somethings and help connect them to the body of Christ, personally. The slow fade is happening all around us, yet all of us can have an impact in changing it. They don't need large programs or charismatic speakers, they need real people who love Christ, care about them and love them enough to not try and fix them, but to do life with them. I hope this book encourages you as it did me, that we all can have an impact on the 20 somethings one relationship at a time. Great book! Thank you to Reggie, Chuck, and Abbie for valuing college-age individuals and for taking the time to equip members of the body of Christ to

do the same.

The story of these fading participants in the church, and in belief is written out well here. Presenting research, data, and some exposition as to why, the book concludes that you can't argue with the fact: the church is losing ground when it comes to impacting this age bracket. What it doesn't do is offer much in the way of what to do about it. But I think that's the point. More than anything, this book is a catalyst for conversation, to start a work that is local for your church. The question is really, "what are you going to do about it?"

"The Slow Fade" asks an intriguing question for those familiar with the typical church...has a significant error been made in terms of discipleship for young adults? I think it's safe to say that most churches focus on ministering to the following groups: children, youth, and adults (men/women). But with alarming stats coming in about the number of college students and young 20somethings leaving the church, Reggie Joiner, Chuck Bomar, and Abbie Smith seek to open our eyes to this neglected demographic. To rescue them from "The Slow Fade" out of the church. I found "The Slow Fade" to be a compelling mix of challenging concepts with nice, simple practicality. The book isn't confined to a philosophy of ministry to college students, it gives real easy steps and tools that can be used to connect with college students and invest in their lives effectively. The book strips away the mystique that some might have with "ministry" - it can be as simple as just taking initiative and intentionally growing a relationship. It's not all-encompassing, but this is still a helpful resource for those interested in starting and/or empowering others to connect with students in a pivotal stage of life.

I work in Collegiate Ministry and this book was a real eye-opener. The very first story set the tone for how we need to approach this generation in new and different ways. The authors have laid things out in a way that makes reaching college students and 20-something seem not only doable but necessary!

The book is full of insights into the failure of the modern church to hold onto the young adults of this age. It is a problem that has not just begun but has now been put into a form that makes it more understandable. The book has suggestions of how to connect in the future with the newest young adults.

Good for inspiring someone to want to mentor college students, but if you're reading the book, it's probably not because you thought "gee, I just need someone to motivate me to mentor people". There are basically no pragmatic implementation ideas from an organizational standpoint, e.g., how to set up mentor programs, relationships.

This is an excellent book for those who are interested in reaching the young age group (20 to 30 years) for the Lord. It is a guide for carrying out Titus 2 where it says for the old to teach the young.

This book presents some great insights about what has been happening to our youth once they leave high school. I highly recommend it to anyone concerned with the diminishing numbers of young adults in our churches.

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