



Understanding Youth Culture

Making Sense of Generation X

Digitally Connected



- ◆ Text
- ◆ Email
- ◆ PC literate
- ◆ Instant messaging

Self Publishing



- ◆ Blogs
- ◆ Websites
- ◆ You Tube
- ◆ My Space

People want to be happy

- ◆ My aim is to be happy. I can do this by being myself and connecting to others and the universe. The more people that do this, the better the world will be

Celebrity culture

- ◆ Reality TV/Soap TV
 - Big Brother
 - Pop Idol
 - Run's House
 - Next Top Model
 - Making the band
 - Eastenders

Labelling

- ◆ ASBOs and ASB
- ◆ Tone and style of dress
- ◆ Negative imaging in media
- ◆ Failing in education

Pick & Mix Spiritually

- ◆ Pick up on practises and beliefs as it suits them rather than trying to fit them into a coherent framework
- ◆ Pray without necessarily understanding why they need to pray
- ◆ Read horoscopes and bound by superstition

Living in a multi cultural society

- ◆ UK is a plural multi cultural society in which is ethnically rich, housing people of all faiths and those who have none side by side
- ◆ Diversity is challenged post 911 and 77

Contextualising our Gospel

- ◆ Theo – logos – dialogue with God
- ◆ All theologies is contextual - shaped by our time and experience
- ◆ What is your context
- ◆ The context of the Kingdom – a template can be found in looking at the Beatitudes
- ◆ There is a need to contextualise the gospel that speaks to our experience, environment and well being