

Emerging Leaders Need Spiritual Mentors

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[] No matter where he ministers, whether in the U.S. or abroad, in inner cities or suburbs, evangelist Doug Stringer encounters a common need: mentors, or spiritual fathers, who can help a largely fatherless generation find its way.

“Every young woman, every young man is waiting to hear the sound, ‘That’s my girl, that’s my boy,’ ” Stringer says. “They’re longing for some sort of affirmation, acceptance and approval from someone they respect. It doesn’t even have to come from their biological parents anymore.”

He found the need so overwhelming that he wrote a book about it in 1995, *The Fatherless Generation*, which he recently followed up with *Who’s Your Daddy Now?* Stringer, the founder of Somebody Cares, an evangelistic ministry based in Houston, says God wants to release a “prophetic generation” for bringing hope to people worldwide but that these young leaders need direction.

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and purpose, but they're ready to do something, they're ready to give their lives for something they believe in," he says, "but they need to know what they believe."

He believes the church is called to help move young leaders into their destinies. "There is an army of volunteers that will emerge for the day of His power," he says, "and I believe that's this generation."—**Adrienne S. Gaines**