



To Be A Transforming
Community Committed
To Jesus Christ

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Church as an Intergenerational Community

1. A simple definition for Intergenerational Ministry/Community is “*different generations intentionally engaging in shared activity together*” (Allen & Barnett). What’s an example of this happening (or not happening) in our church family?
2. What were some of the social/cultural factors (post WWII) that led to the generations drifting apart in our church communities? (i.e. introduction of programmatic church model (birth of age/stage ministries), society/faith expression becoming more individualistic, younger generations walking away from church (‘spiritual but not religious’).
3. Why is bringing the generations back together important?
4. What do Moses, Jesus and Paul have to say about/to the generations? (Mark 10.4, Matthew 18.2-3, Matthew 21.15-16, Titus 2.1-8, Eph. 6.1-4, Col. 3.20). How do these passages speak to you?
5. How might the idea of accommodation (making room for the other) – expressed in the incarnation (John 1.18, Phil. 2.6-8) and Paul’s writings (1 Corinthians 9.12, 22-23) – challenge us as we think about intergenerational community?
6. What are some of the obstacles we face in fostering more interaction between the generations in our church family? Discuss how these obstacles might be overcome.
7. In what ways could we cultivate intergenerational community... in our Sunday morning gatherings?... In our organised groups & gatherings (i.e. home groups, community initiatives, youth, wed service etc.)?... In our everyday lives?

8. In what way might God have you contributing to, or participating in, the ideas above?

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