

LIFEGROUPS

God's Kingdom: Generations

Discuss the chart to the right.

1. Which generation are you in? Do you find it difficult to relate to people from different generations?
2. Do you think this chart is accurate? What about for your parents? What must it have been like for them?
3. What about future generations? Do you think the current generation is worse than your generation? Why or Why not?
4. How can you communicate Christ to different generations?

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

5. How would you teach this to different generations?
6. Do you think loving God and loving your neighbour means different things to different generations?

Titus 2:1-15

God desires for us to help and guide each another across generations.

7. Which one of these do you think you are? (Older men, older women, younger men) What do you think about how Titus says you should be? Why are they asked to be like that?
8. Is there any characteristic that goes across all the groups?
9. How do verses 11-15 relate to verses 1-10?

Bonus Discussion

What do you think an intergenerational church looks like? Knowing that different generations learn, and interact differently, what are some ideas for a intergenerational church to learn and grow from each other? (CLUE: Don't think just about Sunday service, but church as whole and a living network of believers.)

	Major History	Change	Learning	Legacy	Church
Seniors & Builders (1922-1945)	Lived through WWII - core values, respect for authority. Loyalty & Hard work. give more for children than they had	Like stability, constancy	Prefer Lecture	Build west into a safer place	Need to be heard. Like traditional hymns and customs
Boomers (Born 1946-64)	Most educated generation in history, made sacrifices to get ahead. Prefer Face to Face	Like experimentation; like finding more efficient ways to do things	Prefer participation format, where questions are encouraged	Made the world a better place through innovation, but not a safer place	Needs of congregation. Like more chorus, some media
Generation X (Born 1965-83)	grew up with computer technology. more about productivity, instead of just hours.	Radical experimentation. Combining incompatible concepts	Socratic method: Questions & dissent encouraged	Looking to save the world from itself (Pollution, overpopulation, etc)	Like interactive, more rocky
Generation Y (Born 1984-2002)	Growing up with the internet, continually connected. Skeptical of authority, influenced by peers. Skim information & text quickly.	Embrace electronic community and communication for better living	Electronic hyper socratic method. Active confrontation leading to insight	Wants to be the generation plugged into everything	High media usage, post modern and edgy?