SERMON: Generational Unity

Series: Bridging the Divide

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Read **1 Peter 5:1-6**, **Leviticus 19:32**, **1 Timothy 4:12**, and **Matthew 19:14**. How are the different generations affirmed and instructed in these passages?
3. Which generation are you in? (Traditionalists = before 1945; Boomers = 1946-64; Gen-x = 1965-1980; Millennials 1981-2001; New) Briefly describe how your generation differs from another in the group. How does your generation affect your perspective, the lens through which you view church, faith, and the world around you?
4. Derek’s big idea was, “bridging our differences lifts up Christ.” Read **Titus 2:2-8**. How do Paul’s instructions in this passage help build a bridge and glorify Christ?
5. Paul instructs the older generations to 1) set a Godly example and 2) engage in spiritual training. Where in your life are those things happening? How could you do more?
6. The younger generations need to 1) follow a Godly example and 2) honor your elders. Who are you following? Is your attitude one of honor or dismissal toward your elders? Why? Take a moment to honor an elder by sharing how they have positively impacted your life.
7. Derek quoted Pastor Craig Groeschel as saying, “if you’re not dead, you’re not done!” Does this change your perspective on life? Retirement? What would the world look like if the next generation were to “stand on your shoulders”?

**Next Steps:** Have an intentional conversation with someone from another generation. Questions: Describe one of your earliest memories.

What was life like when you were in 9th grade?

What is one word that comes to mind when you think about the state of our world right now. Why?

When is the time in your life you felt closest to God?

Describe your ideal day.

Who is one of your heroes and why?

What is one of your favorite Bible passages or Bible stories?

What do you long for about the past/ what makes you excited about the future?

**Prayer Thought:** Use **Titus 2:2-8** to guide your prayer time. Pray over the older/younger members of the group using Paul’s instructions. Pray for generational unity within Grace church.