

# Intergenerational Church

CHURCH IN CULTURE PART 2

GROUP GUIDE

## 1

### Hang Out

Time: Begin below section 10 - 15 minutes before the group starts

- **Engage**

Start off light and ask simple questions like, how was your day? What did you have for dinner? Keep the heavier conversation for the larger group setting.

- **Prayer of Dedication**

Invite one person or the whole group to dedicate your time to the Lord using Matthew 6:9-13.

9 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen

- **Connect**

Questions of the day: "What technological device are you most grateful for right now?"

## 2

### Announcements

Let's get current! Here you'll find all the important things your community should know about! It could be logistical, upcoming events, or just general church-wide things happening in the life of Fellowship. We commit to keeping you in the know.

- This month is National Hispanic Heritage month! Whether you have this community represented in

your group or not, please take time to honor and celebrate our Latinx brothers and sisters by learning about the stories and amazing contributions they have made to your life and world!

- If you are jumping back into the swing of group life, then please make sure you've taken the time to review the 2 part Start-Up Guide. There you will find values, postures, and commitments that we believe all LifeGroups, both new and existing, should process through to nurture unity and health!

## 3

### Go Deeper Check-In

Beyond the songs and sermons of our services, we invite followers of Jesus into a weekly rhythm of personally spending time with Him and enjoying His love. This section is designed to give you a communal space to check-in with each other about the fruit of your personal practice. Feel free to use the weekly Go Deeper Guide on the website if you need support, but if you have your own rhythm, these questions will still apply.

- What did you enjoy the most about your personal devotion time this past week? What challenged you the most?
- Was there a moment when you felt God's love or delight this past week? Share the experience if you're willing.
- What did you learn about yourself or your relationship with God this past week?
- How can this community support or encourage you in your faithfulness in following Jesus over the next week?

## 4

### Read the Passage

Let's study together! Use this section to dive deeper into scripture and discuss your group's response to the video and prompts from the Church in Culture series.

26 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: 27 "How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. 28 So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say: 29 In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. 30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. 31 As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. 33 Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. 34 For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.' 35 I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die."

**NUMBERS 14:26-35**

## 5

### Engage - Discussion

Watch the LifeGroup video, then use these questions to help guide your group conversation. Feel free to use one or all of them. Trust the flow of the conversation based on what the Holy Spirit is doing in your unique group.

#### Reflective Question from Video

Take time to identify and share about some things that are hard for you to see that people younger than you can see. Then identify and share about some things that are harder for you to understand that people older than you do understand.

#### Reflection Questions

One thing we learn from this story is that both

younger and older people can move towards accepting the different ways that each other see or understand. What obstacles might be getting in the way of you personally living this out in either direction?

Despite the age and generation you currently represent, share with your group value (or story that represents a value) that you believe should be passed on to the next generation coming after you.

#### Application Question

Last week you discussed what it might look like to prepare the next generation to advance the kingdom of God. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 out loud together, and then highlight one way you're already living this out. Secondly, identify an opportunity for growth.

## 6

### Pray

Wrap up your group session in prayer. Throughout your group journey a regular rhythm of prayer is so important! It can also look very different from week to week, so we encourage you to discuss how it could be expressed in your meeting. Make sure you balance opportunities to both pray for individual requests as well as the Kingdom of God at large. Consider having someone be responsible for keeping track of a group prayer journal. We'll also make some recommendations from time to time.

#### **Psalms 119:10-13 has been re-written as a communal blessing:**

Righteous God, we seek You with all our hearts; do not let us stray from Your commandments neither through ignorance nor by willful disobedience. We have treasured and stored Your Word in our hearts so that we will not sin against You. We pray that You would strengthen us so that we can become spiritually mature and more like You in every aspect of our lives. We declare that we will remain on Your path of righteousness, Amen.

