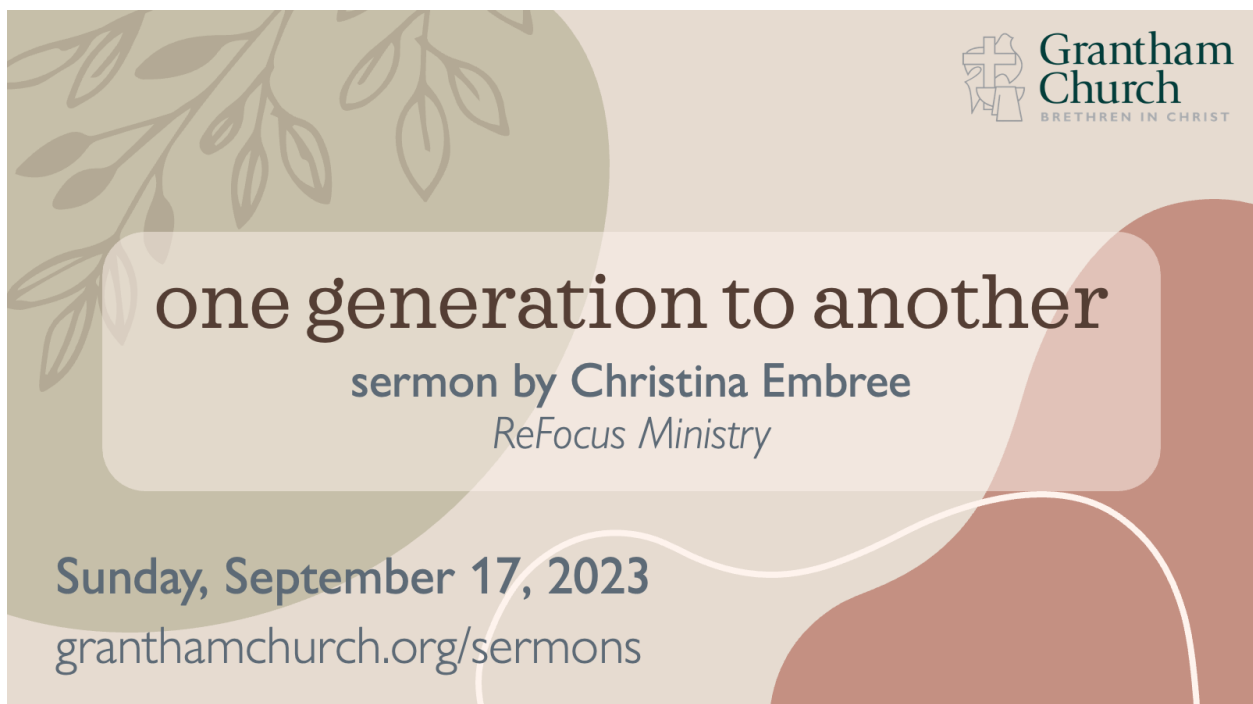


One Generation to Another

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, September 17th, 2023



Guest Speaker: Christina Embree

Sermon Title: One Generation to Another

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145

Sermon Focus: Psalm 145:4 says, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." We see many biblical examples of men and women passing on their faith from one generation to the next. Today's guest speaker likes to call this "generational discipleship" that happens in the church, at home, and in daily life. And this way of living in community and doing discipleship is needed now more than ever. Listen as Christina Embree (founder and director of ReFocus Ministry) invites us to imagine what it looks like to be a thriving *intergenerational* congregation.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Psalm 145. Have someone read it aloud and then reflect on it in silence for 1 minute. Then have someone else read it again before discussing. How does this psalm speak to being *intergenerational*? What is God saying to you?
2. Christina Embree talked about the ways in which we have segregated ourselves in society and in the church by age. She pointed out the many problems that have come because of us spending very little time with other generations. How do you see age segregation impacting American society and culture? How do you see it impacting the Church? Give specific examples.
3. Generations (e.g., Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z) all see the world a little differently. How can we be more intentional in being together to listen and learn from one another and not assume we already know the truth about each other? What would that look like in your home, at church, and in your community? Give examples of how we can be present with each other on a regular basis.
4. The Scriptures are filled with examples of older generations mentoring younger generations (e.g., Eli and Samuel, Elijah and Elisha, Naomi and Ruth, Paul and Timothy, etc.). Do you think we do this well at Grantham Church? What are we doing *now* to follow this biblical pattern? What could we do better? And how is God calling you to pour into someone younger than you in the church?
5. Christina pointed out that there is a difference between “multi-generational” and being “intergenerational” as a worshipping community. It’s one thing to have multiple generations in worship on Sunday, it’s another thing for each generation to be engaged, valued, and heard. In what ways are we simply multi-generational, and in what ways are we truly intergenerational at Grantham?
6. As we seek to live into our aspirations of being an intergenerational church, what are some things that your group can pray about? Where are our areas of need? Please close your time praying for our ministries, especially our children and youth, and for God’s help in becoming an intergenerational church.