SERIES & TITLE	Building a Multi-Generational Church
-ૻ૽ૢૻ- BIG IDEA	The greatest gift we can give the next generation is to model a life worth inheriting.
ICE BREAKER	Think back to when you were a teenager or young adult. What were some of the major cultural events, trends, or issues that defined your generation? How did those experiences shape your perspective and values?
MAIN POINTS	 The world and experiences of today's younger generations (Gen Z and Alpha) are radically different from previous generations due to events like school shootings, the Great Recession, the COVID-19 pandemic, racial unrest, and the rise of social media and cyber-bullying. Many churches struggle to connect with and engage younger generations, often catering primarily to the preferences and styles of older generations. For a church to be truly multigenerational, the spiritually mature must take the initiative and be willing to sacrifice personal preferences for the sake of reaching the next generation. The essence of spiritual depth is living in such a way that causes the next generation to desire the same spiritual maturity you have spent your life developing.
C œ DISCUSS	 In what ways do you see the experiences and values of other generations differing from your own generation? What challenges and opportunities does this present for the church? Why do you think many churches struggle to connect with younger generations? What are some potential barriers or blind spots that contribute to this disconnect? Pastor Cal said said that the "spiritually mature" must take the initiative in making the church multigenerational. What does it mean to be spiritually mature in this context? What might this look like in practical terms? What personal preferences or comforts might you need to be willing to sacrifice in order to create a more multigenerational church environment? How can we effectively pass the baton of faith to the next generation? What role can you play in modeling spiritual depth and inspiring younger believers?
گ NEXT STEP	Go out of your way to develop a relationship at church with someone from a different generation.
SCRIPTURE	1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure.

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