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ON THE WAY TOGETHER

Finding & Extending Belonging *in Jesus' Family*



SERMON: Belonging Across Generations
SPEAKER: Kevin White
CORE SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:41-52

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SUMMARY

In this sermon titled "Belonging Across Generations," Pastor Kevin White concludes the "On The Way Together" series by challenging the church to shift its perspective from viewing different age groups as segregated "projects" to engaging them as equal "partners." Drawing from Luke 2:41–52—where a 12-year-old Jesus learned from and engaged with older religious leaders in the temple—he emphasizes that biblical community functions like a shared caravan where wisdom, prayer, and encouragement flow bi-directionally across all ages. Highlighting local examples like intergenerational worship and youth leadership, Pastor Kevin calls children, youth, middle-aged adults, and seniors to step up and build relationships outside their immediate peer groups, culminating at the Communion table as a unified family saved by the same grace.

SHARE

Think about someone from a different generation (older or younger) who has shaped your faith. Who was that person, and what did they teach you?

READ

Read **Luke 2:41-52** together out loud as a group.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What stood out to you the most about the sermon?

2. In Luke 2:46-47, we see Jesus "sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions" and that "everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers." What does this passage reveal about the nature of true learning and teaching in God's kingdom? How does Jesus' posture challenge our assumptions about who has authority to speak and who should only listen?

3. Pastor Kevin said that Jesus wasn't treated as irrelevant because he was young—the teachers welcomed his contribution. Read 1 Timothy 4:12 and Psalm 145:4 together. How do these verses support the idea of "bi-directional learning"? What barriers (cultural, personal, or church-related) prevent us from experiencing this kind of mutual learning across generations?

4. Pastor Kevin challenged us to honestly assess: when you interact with someone who's a different age from you in the church, do you see them as a project or a partner? What's the difference, and which one resonates more with how you currently engage?

5. Pastor Kevin used the image of Mary and Joseph traveling in a caravan—a whole community surrounding Jesus with aunties, uncles, and spiritual family. He asked, "How deep is your community? How wide is your community? How is your caravan?" Reflect on your own life: who makes up your spiritual caravan? Are there generations or life stages missing?

6. Pastor Kevin pointed out that we can easily be multi-generational (sitting in the same room), but God calls us to be inter-generational (leaning into differences, sharing life, serving together). What would it look like practically in your life to move from multi-generational to inter-generational community?

6. Pastor Kevin gave specific challenges to different age groups (kids, youth/YAs, middle-aged adults, elders/seniors). Which challenge spoke most to you, and what is one step you can take this week to live that out?

NEXT STEPS

- **Identify your caravan:** This week, write down the names of people in your life from different generations and life stages. Who's missing? Pray about who God might be calling you to intentionally connect with.
- **Make space for others:** Choose one person from a different generation than you at Cornerstone. Reach out to them this week—ask them about their life, their story, and their faith journey. Listen and learn.
- **Serve across generations:** Look for an opportunity to serve alongside someone from a different age group—whether in children's ministry, worship, Opentable Thursdays, or another ministry. Experience what partnership looks like in action.

PRAY

Take time to pray together as a group:

- Thank God for the gift of intergenerational community and for the different ages and life stages represented in your group and at Cornerstone.
- Confess where you've seen people as projects rather than partners, and ask for God's help to see others as He sees them.
- Pray for specific people from different generations in your lives—by name—asking God to deepen those relationships and open doors for mutual learning and encouragement.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help each person take a concrete step this week toward building a richer, wider caravan of spiritual community.

CONNECT

Check out **The Hub** for upcoming workshops, community events, and intergenerational gatherings at Cornerstone. Consider participating as a small group for Group Launch, Open Table Thursdays, or the next baptism service (Thanksgiving weekend!) to practice intergenerational community together.

CLOSING

"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." — Psalm 145:4

Don't be so busy building your own life that you miss the people God has placed around you. Make room for others—whether it's different generations, different cultures, different pasts, different socioeconomic status. Make space. You need others and others need you.