

## Multiply 05

### Intergenerational Worship

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### Key Take-Aways:

- Intergenerational Worship is one part of a larger thing. Intergenerational (IG) is an *approach* - a way of ministry - that undergirds all ministry.
- Intergenerational Ministry is contextual. It looks different in various congregations who faithfully discern God's call for their unique setting.
- Different generational values, experiences, styles, and approaches can create misunderstandings and frustrations.  
    But? They also strengthen and shape the body of Christ.
- Young people in our culture are divided, separated and grouped by age in all places, at all times. This is designed by our culture; not by our God.
- God created and values diversity. God calls us as disciples of Christ to work together and be in ministry with all ages, valuing all ages and the diversity our different generations bring to the church.
- The "Art" of Intergenerational Ministry can look like ...
  - Art of deep listening & responding with grace
    - Hearing what different generations are saying. Responding to what you hear.
  - Art of the 6-week trial
  - Art of flexibility
  - Art of just trying ... and then trying again. Craft ministry.
- Ministry that speaks to active participation and engagement can be a key to developing IG relationships.