



# Town + Field

CHURCH

Sunday, October 28  
Discussion Questions  
**We Are: ONE Generation**

This week we focus on our sixth DNA statement: *We are One generation ... we live as extended family in our generation and we fight for the next generation.* God's story moves across generations and every generation is to entrust the unfolding story of God to the next generation. (Joshua 3:1-4:24)

## REFLECT (10 Minutes)

How has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you through the sermon this week?  
OR  
Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

What has been your experience of "Every Generation" in churches? Is it easy? Is it hard? Is it beautiful? Talk about the nuances of this value we have as a church and how we are doing presently at working towards this type of community?

Do you think this idea of ONE Generation is that important? Why or why not? (ONE Generation - young and old loving one another as the family of God, in unity.)

## Dig Deeper (20 Minutes)

What are some ways the Bible speaks of our relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit in "familial" terms? (ex. Hebrews 2:11-15, Romans 8:14-17)

Do you have a hard time considering yourself a son or daughter of God? What about a brother or sister of others? Why do you think that is?

Read Galatians 3:25-29. Here Paul talks about everything that can divide society: race, gender, socio-economics. His point is that in Jesus, these things that cause division "ought" to no longer divide the family of God because we are **ONE**. Do you think "age" could be added to these categories and if so how have you seen this cause tension or division? Or perhaps, where have you felt this tension in your own life?

Whether you have experienced this or not, what are some ways that healthy nuclear families love each other? How should our new identity in the gospel lead us to even greater love for people across different generations?

## RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

What are some ways you personally live out ONENESS well in the context of God's family, the church?

What are some ways that you personally can grow in living out this ONENESS either in the church community or on the mission field? (Gently lead and invite people to a sort of confession here.) Are there ways you can be intentional about change?

In what ways are those in your nuclear family like you, and in what ways aren't they? How are you stronger individually and as a family because of your differences? Do you think this applies to the church also? How have you witnessed this truth?

Read John 13:35. Why do you think this is so hard to do? Why do you think this is such a powerful witness in our world of God's kingdom breaking in? What does it say about God that he entrusts this responsibility to us?

## PRAYER and Mutual Encouragement (10-15 Minutes)

Take some time to pray for members of your group in specific areas of your lives that you want to surrender to the wisdom, love and resurrection power of God. Be careful to listen and then speak words of encouragement or words of knowledge and wisdom over each other.

## LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.