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2. Why is it so important to learn to distinguish between generational preferences and emphases and true gospel issues? Pastor Adam named some issues such as evangelism and worship, but what are other places of potential conflict where generational differences can be mistaken for gospel differences?

3. Consider the “right” and “wrong” questions Pastor Adam identified:

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Which question do you hear asked most often in our church?

Why can it be so scary to ask how we might need to change?

What do you think we as a church risk if we do not ask this?

4. Read Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul is desperately concerned that we “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Why is this so important and how is it an opportunity to apply what you learned in this series?

Are your interactions with other generations marked by humility, gentleness, patience, and love?

Consider Paul’s metaphor of the body, how might this apply to different generations in the church?

What could it look like for each generation to function as part of the larger body using it’s unique gifts, abilities, and insights to bless and build up the whole? Are there places you and your generation need to step up or back off for the sake of the body?

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