

What is intergenerational about?

Beyond all else, while we study about StickyFaith development, this line of thought should undergird everything we do, because a holistic approach is key to StickyFaith.

Deuteronomy 6 is often discussed within the realm of family ministry as a verse that exemplifies the work of discipleship done by parents within the home. BUT it's important to note that these instructions to share about the commandments of the Lord weren't given to solely to parents. In fact, when Moses shared these commands, he did so with the whole assembly of Israel, not just to the parents/caregivers that were present. **We call that "generational discipleship"!** And it's not limited to this moment. Intergenerational community can be found throughout Scripture. Whenever the nation of Israel would gather for special occasions such as feasts or celebrations, the entire community, all generations, would be present.

In the religion of Israel, all ages were not just included, they were drawn in, assimilated, absorbed into the community with a deep sense of belonging... that's StickyFaith! **So, yes, intergenerational ministry and generational discipleship are found in Scripture.** And the idea of having all generations interacting within a community of faith isn't a new one. That does *not* mean we throw out everything we've learned from developmentalists or that age-appropriate ministry has no value.



What it does mean is that the normative faith practice is one where generations have the opportunity to be together and pass the faith to one another, so it would be a good idea for us to create spaces where that can happen... and that's what StickyFaith is all about!

ONE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE: To help much more than 50% of our SW High School Seniors hold onto their faith in post-graduation years, thus increasing our future church.

October 1st Chapter 7. Sticky Intergenerational Faith

- Grandparents and Senior adults -- the magic of intergenerational interaction.
- **KEY POINTS** --- (throughout this chapter)
 - Importance of Intergenerational
 - The Story of Ruth p. 115-116
 - StickyFaith Ideas... (pick 2 and talk about them) see "Your Family"? after each Idea
 - StickyFindings survey and discussion (review, but encourage take home discussion)
 - **Encourage AGAIN "Stories of Future Hope" {share if open}**
- **VIDEOS** are optional—
 - "A Tale of Two Tables" (importance of intergenerational)
 - "Covenant Group Story"
- **Chapter(s) Supporting VERSES:**
 - Joshua 4:4-8 (He appoints 12 and describes the stones that pass on the story to the next generation. This represents the importance of the intergenerational pass-it on mentality.)
 - Acts 2:42-47 (All the believers were together... assuming multiple generations... as they taught, worshiped and ate together.)
 - 2 Tim 1:5 (Grandmother and mother passing on the faith)

Lesson 4 SWK

- Month of October Southwest StickyFaith VERSE ---
 - **Psalm 145:4 "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts."** Encourage everyone to memorize this for the month of October.