

GENERATIONS

Life as Jesus Meant it to Be

Session 4

Growing Together
week starting March 10

GETTING STARTED

Pray for God's presence and wisdom as you begin your discussion.

ICEBREAKER CHOOSE ONE

- If you've got kids, share about a time where your child taught you something. If not, share one of the things you remember your parents teaching you.
- We tend to overestimate our ability in some areas and underestimate it in others. Where do you think you rank in terms of driving? (80% of people think they are in the top 10%)

REFLECT ON SUNDAY'S SERMON

- What resonated with you from the message this week?
- Did it bring up anything you're wrestling with or questions you have?

READ & DISCUSS

- Do you ever struggle with feeling inadequate in the area of your faith? How do you respond when it seems like someone younger is more mature in their faith than you are?
- Read Matthew 4:18–20. What do you think compelled Peter to follow Jesus despite Peter's lack of knowledge or skill in religion? How might we encourage those just starting out in their faith journey?
- Read Matthew 16:13–23. What do we learn about Peter in this passage? Can you think of a time you made an error or misstep in your faith? How did others respond?
- Read Acts 4:13. The Holy Spirit moves with Peter and John beyond their capacities. How does this awareness of the Holy Spirit help us view our capacities and the capacities of others differently?
- How have you grown in faith with your family or others? What have you learned from someone younger (or older)?
- What does it look like to model "growing in faith together"? Give a specific example.

LIVE IT OUT

- Consider one area of faith you'd like to grow in or learn more about, perhaps a type of prayer, serving opportunity, or book of the Bible. Take a step to learn/grow this week. Consider inviting someone from another generation to join you.
- Have you continued a Sabbath practice (previous sermon series)? How are you doing?

PRAYER

Confess to God any areas of your life and your faith you felt like you've had to fake having it all together. Ask for God's grace, love, and humility to allow you to show your imperfections. Thank God for the ways people of other generations have helped you grow in your faith.