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ACROSS GENERATIONS

Introduction

A Word to Younger Adults (Proverbs 4)

- Start Out _____
- Seek Out _____
- Sort Out _____

A Word to Older Adults (1 Timothy 4:11-16)

Extend _____

Entrust with _____

Affirm _____

Direct into _____

Recognize _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: If you had to live the next year of your life at a different age than you are now, what age would you pick? Why?

Younger Adults:

1. Describe a relationship with an older adult, in the past, or currently, that has had a positive impact on you.
2. As you read Proverbs 4, notice the repeated idea of listening and paying attention. What makes it challenging for younger adults to listen well to older adults? What can you do to take a posture of listening with older adults in your life?
3. As you read through Proverbs 4, identify all the different benefits wisdom brings. What are the ways you can seek out wisdom from older adults in specific areas of your life?
4. How do cross-generational friendships help you “guard your heart” (Proverbs 4:23) and keep you on the right path (Proverbs 4:25-27)? How does an older perspective help sort out your priorities?

Older Adults:

1. Describe an older adult who positively influenced your life when you were a younger adult (teens thru 30s). What made them so effective at connecting across generations?
2. Read I Timothy 4:11-16. Which bit of Paul’s instructions to Timothy struck you the most? Why?
3. Go through Jim’s 5 challenges to older adults and explain how you could apply each with younger adults in your life (who?).
4. What keeps you from having a greater impact on younger adults? How could you remove that roadblock?