

"WHEN DID WE SEE YOU?"

Intergenerational Gathering

One way to begin intergenerational ministry in your church is to have regular gatherings onsite that are appropriate for all ages. This itinerary is for an intergenerational or "all-church" event to be held at a church after a worship service. Fellowship and intergenerational relationships are truly at the center of this gathering. It is designed specifically for a service that ends at 11:30 a.m., so you may need to adjust the times based on when your worship service lets out.

Additional resources for planning a whole church experience can be found in the "Resources" section of this guide.

11:30 AM – CHECK-IN & ARRIVAL

Provide a chart that lists generations with birth years.

Give everyone a colored dot that corresponds to their generation.

Explain the rules for sitting at tables:

Each table should have 2-3 colors (or generations) present.

Each table should have more than one family group.

11:45 AM – CONVERSATION AND LUNCH

Provide conversation starters on the table for introductions.

Example: *Recreation Guide – Table Games, "One of Kind"*

Cover tables with paper and provide markers/crayons to decorate.

When the food is ready, have someone give a brief welcome.

Invite tables to the food line.

Each table can say their own prayer before getting in the food line.

Other tables can continue table activities until it is their turn in line.

12:30 PM – SCRIPTURE & THEME INTRODUCTION

Have someone give a brief introduction to the scripture and theme.

12:45 PM – SCRIPTURE & THEME TABLE ACTIVITY

Have tables engage in a table activity related to the theme.

This should be adapted for all ages.

1:00 PM – CLOSING & CLEAN-UP

Have someone give a brief closing reflection or prayer.

Provide instructions for clean-up and departure.

1:15 PM – HEAD HOME