

# **A Generational Church**

## **Robert Morris**

### **Review**

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**Key Scriptures:** Numbers 27:15–17; Deuteronomy 11:18–21; Psalm 78:72

### **Discuss**

1. Pastor Robert shared the exciting news that Pastor James Morris will succeed him as Gateway's next senior pastor in 2025. Why is it important for churches and ministries to have healthy transitions from one generation to the next?
2. The Gateway elders were both prayerful and practical in the interview process for Pastor James. How do you think this approach could help us when we face important life decisions?
3. What are some ways you have sought wisdom and counsel from others? Why is it important for us to seek advice from people we trust?
4. What are ways the enemy tries to create trouble during times of transition? How does being aware of the enemy's schemes help us avoid them?
5. God is a generational God. Why is it encouraging to know God cares about every generation?
6. God always plans for His people to go from glory to glory. Share some things you feel hopeful about concerning the future God has for you.
7. What are some things God has spoken to you about your future that you need to remember?
8. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

### **Takeaway**

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God is a generational God.
- Gateway must be a generational church.

## **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we are grateful You are a generational God. Thank You for establishing Gateway Church and for using this congregation and its leaders to advance Your kingdom. We believe You call us to go from glory to glory, and we give You thanks that the best is yet to come. We ask You to bless Pastors James and Bridgette Morris as they prepare to step into their new roles at Gateway. Protect them and give them wisdom as they are obedient to Your call upon their lives. Let Your favor surround them like a shield. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## **Leader Tip**

How leaders lead during times of transition is very important. As a group leader, you have an opportunity to encourage your group in the great plans God has for them and our church. If your group members have questions about the future of Gateway, ask them to watch or rewatch Pastor Robert's message. May the message be a reminder of the calling God has placed on you and your members and the hope-filled future He has for all of us.

## **Group Dynamics Idea**

An announcement about a successor taking over a ministry as large as Gateway will often bring a variety of responses, emotions, and thoughts. It's healthy to make space for your group to process and talk about it. Allow time for this, but also keep the conversations about the future focused on the positive. Then take time as a group to pray for Pastors James and Bridgette as they prepare for the future and the exciting new season of leading Gateway Church.