

From the message on January 28 & 29

## The Stories Jesus Tells: A Kingdom For All Generations

Text Luke 15:11-32

### From the Sermon

As polarized as our culture and society is today, Christians too often place their brothers and sisters in Christ as enemies because we like to champion our certainty in "being right." Instead, our focus should be on uniting in what's most important (our faith in Christ) and dispensing humility, mercy, and grace for others. Whether it's generational gaps, political differences, or "canceling" others, there is more than enough to divide us. Let us focus first on Christ-centered unity, and everything else will fall into place behind that genuine pursuit.

Jesus tells a parable about the heart of our Heavenly Father, explaining the value of understanding how "both sides" and all ages/levels of experience need grace as much as their counterparts. What does it look like for us to maintain an all-generation perspective for the kingdom? That's our question today.

### Opening Interaction.

Ask your group ...

*Growing up (birth - HS graduation), what was the biggest thing you ever did that got you in trouble with your parents?*

### Read the Passage and Discuss

- In this passage, what details seem important? What stands out to you?
  - What does this passage teach us about the importance of a good Father?
1. For you personally, what are some ways you've dismissed or pigeonholed other generations than your own?
  2. What are some memorable multi-generational moments/interactions you've had at Calvary? (worship, family events, oil change, etc.)
  3. What are some ways you can show grace to others you differ from in either age or opinion?
  4. What is a new way you could support other or all generations at Calvary in 2023?

### Things to Pray About

Pray for Children's Ministry in their search for an Early Childhood Coordinator. Also, for this summer's VBS as preparation has already begun (stay tuned for ways to help)

Pray for FUSE Student Ministry, as they continue their new middle school sermon discussion after worshiping together in the 9am service each Sunday.

Pray for the collaborative young professionals gathering called Rooted STL that will be hosted at Calvary this Friday, February 3rd.

Pray for Calvary's Interim Teams (Advisory, Finance, Personnel, Governance, Reconciliation and Visioneering) as they are being formed and commissioned in the next few weeks. Pray that each team will contribute to the peace and well being of Calvary.