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Message Summary: Intergenerational is defined as relating to, involving, or affecting several generations. Traditionally, when we hear the term “intergenerational relationships” we commonly think of the youngsters serving the elders through acts of service. Today we will discuss the importance of youth ministry. We’ll explore how we as a church can foster relationships with our teens and how we can learn from them in a reverse mentoring relationship. The Apostle Paul tells us that each member of the body has a diverse role to play and it’s through unity of those roles that we make up the full body of Christ.

The FULL Intergenerational Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

1. The Youth are part of the body of Christ (vv. 12-14)

2. The Youth have a unique role in the body of Christ (vv. 15-20)

3. The Youth + You = Unity in the Body of Christ (vv. 22-27)

LifeGroup Questions

BEGIN IT (5min) - Praise the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT (10min) - What traits and characteristics come to mind when you think of teenagers? Discuss negative and positives and why you have those views.

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and review Sunday’s sermon outline and any questions the group wants to share. Now answer the following questions:

1. In vv. 12-14 Paul talks about the body. Who makes up the body, forming the different parts?
2. In vv. 15-17 what happens to a body part that does not belong to the body? In what ways can the youth feel like they do not belong to the body?
3. What unique roles, traits, attributes can the youth offer to the body of Christ?
4. What would happen to the body if we were all the same part?
5. In vv. 24-25 how does Paul say we should treat the different parts of the body?
6. In vv. 26-27 what happens when one part of the body is honored? Can you give an example of a time where you have seen this happen?
7. Love can’t thrive where stereotypes and misunderstandings reign. If you don’t know teenagers at the church, can you really serve them? Galatians 5:13
8. How can you create a meaningful dialogue with a teenager?

APPLY IT (15min) - In what ways can we remove the division between the church and the youth for either you personally or within your ministry?