



## WEEK FOUR: CALLED TO STEP UP

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Baby boomers, Gen X, the Millennials, Generation Next, Generation Now: we wish our age didn't define us, but it does. The generation we belong to predisposes us to be more technical, distrust "the man," or be more social-media active. We are likely to be more open or opposed to things like change or globalization based on the year of our birth. What does the Bible have to say about our responsibilities as believers—and *to* believers—no matter what our age?

### Where Am I Today?

- 1) I would describe myself as a part of the \_\_\_\_\_ generation.  
I know that I like/dislike \_\_\_\_\_ solely because of my age. And I'm good / not good (circle one) with that.

### Into the Bible

- 2) **Read Psalm 71:17-18**, and write down what this passage says to you, at your particular stage in life.

- 3) **Read Proverbs 15:31-33** and answer the following questions:
- a. What types of things should we be teaching or saying to others?
  
  - b. What should our reactions be if we are on the “receiving end” of these teachings?
  
  - c. Which is harder for you, teaching or being taught? Why?

**How Does This Apply?**

- 4) What is one area of expertise, big or small, that I can pass on to the people following me, even if they are just behind me by a few years, age-wise or experientially? Am I willing to “*empty my cup*” of all and anything I can share?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Name one area in which you wish someone would take the time to share or mentor you. This can be a spiritual growth area, a relationship issue, or a lifestyle choice. If you feel comfortable sharing, maybe there is someone in your group who would love to walk with you.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What is one area where you wish you had “*stepped up*” earlier in your spiritual journey?

**Digging Deeper: Going Further on Your Own**

- 7) **Read Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8** for some wisdom on how to honor God throughout your days. Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes as an old man looking back on his life. He was a man of many regrets and seems depressed for much of the book. Because of this, he has developed a desire to teach others the importance of following God all of your days. He wants to show the next generation where he went wrong. How does being aware of how short life is, and the consequences of your actions, influence the way you live your life? What does he believe is “vanity” or “meaningless”?