

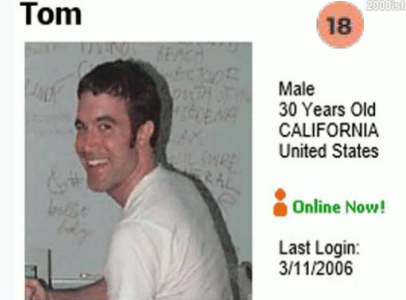
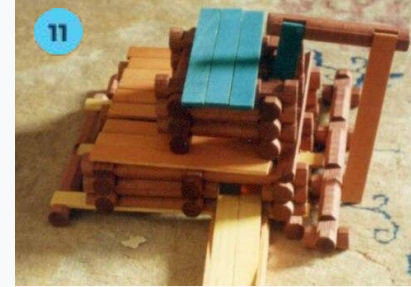
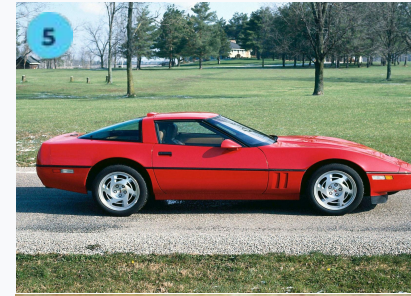
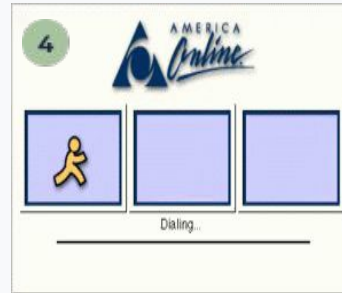


INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

Crafting Worship That Connects Across Generations

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Choose Your World



Step 1: Choose one item from above that brings up powerful memories.

Step 2: Share why with a neighbor.

Step 3: Find someone who chose something very different & learn why.

Reflective Debrief




- ❓ What surprised you during the conversation?
- ❓ What was the hardest world to understand?
- ❓ What did you discover about someone else?

The Core Reality

"Different generations speak entirely different languages. But they are searching for the same God."

Introduction

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-  Over 12+ Years of Experience as a Director of Modern Worship // Director of Connections & Engagement
-  Ministry Architects Coach & Consultant
-  Lifelong advocate for building bridges where ever they should exist





THE DEFINING QUESTION

"How do we help **every single generation** actively participate in the **worship of God?**"

Every strategy, action plan, and scheduling shift we discuss today serves this singular question.

Reframing Intergenerational Worship

What it is **NOT**

- ✘ Compromising or struggling to make everyone happy
- ✘ Purely a gimmick to attract young people
- ✘ Alternating strictly between old hymns and modern praise songs
- ✘ Keeping everyone within their comfort zones

A Productive Pause

Before we build healthy intergenerational structures, we must challenge existing paradigms that isolate us. True connection requires collaborative expansion, not mutual compromise.

Who Is Worship For?

Consumer Worship

- ✗ "Did I personally like it?"
- ✗ "Was it catered specifically to my taste?"
- ✗ "Did I feel instantly connected?"

Formational Worship

- ✓ "Did we together glorify God?"
- ✓ "How did God shape our community?"
- ✓ "How did we model path-finding for others?"



"Intergenerational worship is not about
generational satisfaction. It is about
generational discipleship."

Different Languages. Same God.

Older Generations Often Value

- Familiar Hymnody
- Structured Liturgy & Litany
- Intentional Periods of Silence
- Choral Expressions

Younger Generations Often Value

- Relatable Storytelling
- An Immersive Expression
- Authenticity Over Formality
- Interactive Personal Testimonies

The objective is not to worship the same way. The goal is to encounter the same God.

Common Myths & Realities

MYTH ONE

"We need modern music to bring young people in."

Reality: Younger generations prioritize relational authenticity and visual honesty over high production.

MYTH TWO

"Traditional liturgy is strictly for older adults."

Reality: Many young adults actively crave rootedness, historical continuity, and sacred liturgy.

MYTH THREE

"Intergenerational means nobody gets what they want."

Reality: Rather than loss, everyone brings a contribution, multiplying the pathways of grace.

The Essential Paradigm Shift

Audience






Consuming, evaluating,
expecting to be served.



Participant

Contributing, engaging,
worshiping as a collective
body.

Representation Creates Participation

-  Children actively reading scriptures
-  Youth ushering and welcoming visitors
-  Young adults leading prayers
-  Mature adults mentoring behind the scenes
-  Elders sharing vulnerability and testimonies

Ownership Axiom

"People support and protect what they help build."

THE CORE VISION

**"If They Can See It,
They Can Be It."**

What Does A Child See?

- 📖 A Child Reader in scripture
- 👥 A Teenager leading liturgy
- 🎵 A Young Adult worship leader
- 👤 An Adult teaching
- 👴 An Elder mentoring and praying

A Clear Pathway

They aren't just observing isolated positions on a stage. They are seeing an **unfolding pathway** for their own future.

The Spectrum of Worship Maturity

CHILD

"I like this."

TEEN

*"This helps me
connect."*

ADULT

*"This isn't my style, but
God is moving."*

DISCIPLE




*"How can I help others
connect?"*

Participation Audit

Evaluate your regular sunday services. Which generations are participating, and which are completely invisible?

Worship Elements	Children	Youth	Young Adults	Mid-Adults	Elders
Prayer / Liturgy	Often Missing	Active	Active	Dominant	Dominant
Scripture Reading	Missing	Often Missing	Active	Dominant	Dominant
Greeting / Communion	Active	Active	Missing	Dominant	Dominant
Testimonies / Leadership	Missing	Missing	Often Missing	Dominant	Dominant

Small Group Conversation

-  *Where do you see some of these younger generations 'missing' in our own specific worship context?*
-  Who is consistently missing and in what areas?
-  *How would the dynamic of our services change if they were actively present and participating in those moments?*



Time Allotment

8

Minutes

Turn to those near you and discuss honestly.

One Change In 30 Days

30
DAY CHALLENGE

Do Not Add. Replace.

Give just **5 minutes of active worship leadership** back to another generation.

 Child Scripture

 Youth-Led Prayer

 Young Adult Welcome

 Elder Testimony

Personal Strategy Plan

Take a moment to write down three critical action items:

01

Deep Listening

"One generation I need to listen to and learn from more intentionally."

02

Empowerment

"One demographic in our church I will proactively empower."

03

First Step

"The exact strategic change I will implement in the next 30 days."



Let us move forward together.

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The Final Destination

"The goal isn't simply to have every generation in the room. The goal is to help every generation see a clear pathway for growing in deep faith together."