

BRIDING THE GENERATIONAL DIVIDE WITH BOOMER & Z
EPISODE 3: *"OK, BOOMER"* — THE NEW *"WHATEVER"*

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, "How did we do?" Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

PRAYER - Ask God to help you see people of every generation with humility and respect. Pray for wisdom to recognize what you can learn from those whose experiences and perspectives differ from your own.

Follow Up on Last Episode's Assignment

- What happened when you intentionally listened without preparing your response?
- What did you understand better because you took the time to listen?
- What did the experience teach you about your own listening habits?

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God's Word by asking, "What does Jesus want us to know?" If you haven't already, watch this week's video: *"'OK, Boomer" — The New "Whatever.'"* Then use the summary, questions, and Scriptures below to draw out the main truths together.

WATCH: Episode 3: *"OK, Boomer"* — The New *"Whatever"*

Episode Summary

Every generation develops assumptions about the generations around it. Labels like "OK Boomer" can reduce people to stereotypes and shut down meaningful conversation before it begins. Older generations can be just as quick to dismiss younger people as inexperienced, entitled, or set in their ways.

Following Jesus calls us to something better. Rather than assuming we already know what someone thinks because of their age, we can approach one another with humility and respect. Every generation has strengths, experiences, and perspectives worth hearing, and relationships grow when we learn to recognize the person rather than the stereotype.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you're studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward.** For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

Generational differences can become deep divides over faith, politics, gender and sexuality, morality, and other important beliefs. This four-part series models how we can hold firmly to biblical truth while listening well, speaking with grace, and building stronger relationships with those who see the world differently.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What assumptions do people commonly make about your generation, and how well do those assumptions describe you?
2. What assumptions are you most likely to make about generations older or younger than your own?
3. How can labels or dismissive stereotypes about other generations prevent us from genuinely knowing one another?
4. What strengths or perspectives have you come to appreciate in a generation different from your own?
5. What might change in our families, churches, and communities if generations approached one another with greater humility and respect?

Both younger and older generations have valuable insights to offer.

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:10 - "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Honor begins with how we choose to see and treat another person. Rather than dismissing someone because of their age or perspective, we can value them as a person made and loved by God.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:3–4 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Humility makes room for genuine understanding. When we value others rather than assuming we have all the answers, we become more willing to recognize what their experiences and perspectives can teach us.

look forward

Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, "What does Jesus want us to do?" Commit to practical steps for living out this week's lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and move forward together in faith and hope.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Leviticus 19:32
Proverbs 17:6
1 Timothy 5:1–2
Job 12:12

THIS EPISODE'S ASSIGNMENT

Think of **one person from a different generation** whom you may not fully understand.

This week, have a conversation with them and ask about an experience that helped shape the way they see the world. Listen for something you can genuinely appreciate or learn from them.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS

- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to strengthen my family?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP

Share one generational assumption you would like God to help you overcome. Pray for humility, respect, and a greater appreciation for what different generations can offer one another.