

ULC Sermon Study Resource

On Purpose — Mobilizing Generations To Join Jesus on His Mission

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What is your biggest hope for 2021? And what are some highs and lows from last week?

Reading: Psalm 145

Outline:

- I. Mobilize. (v. 1-3, 10-13)
 - a. In response to Jesus' loving faithfulness to us, we respond in faithfulness to him.
 - b. A mobilized believer lives in the twin realities of trusting and praising God as *your* God, and recognizing that God is God over *all* people and *all* creation for *all* eternity.
 - c. Our motivation to be mobilized for God's mission is love for him, not guilt/obligation/duty.
 - d. A mobilized Christians lives a life marked by discipleship: living with Gospel intentionality, speaking of Jesus, encountering God in word, sacrament, prayer, and praise, and loving others generously; i.e. ULC's "Measures" — spiritual depth, sent posture, others-focused.
- II. Generations. (v. 4)
 - a. God's goodness is not limited to a single time, people, or generation. We see God uniting people of every age together through Jesus in his church.
 - b. We see in Scripture that one generation tells the next of God's glory and his deeds.
 - c. ULC is *both* a robust campus ministry *and* a life-giving local church in Ann Arbor.
- III. To. (v. 5-21)
 - a. We mobilize generations *to* a life of praise to the Lord so that all may bless his name.
 - b. We are mobilized to be ambassadors of reconciliation wherever God has placed us..

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why can it be hard to see God as both King of all and Lord of your life? How can we grow in this?
- 2) How is your life marked by spiritual depth, a sent posture, and focusing on others' needs?
- 3) How do generational conflicts sometimes tear churches apart? How can we seek unity in Christ?
- 4) How will you seek to be mobilized together with people at ULC from varied generations?
- 5) How can you grow in what God is calling you *to* as his ambassador of reconciliation?

Suggestions for further study:

- 1 Peter 1:3-25 **Q: How does Peter call the believers to respond in faithfulness to God?**
- Deuteronomy 6 **Q: How is worship of God passed down from one generation to the next?**
- 2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:13 **Q: Why are we called to the ministry of reconciliation?**

Closing Prayer: "Lord God, we thank you that even in times when it is hard to be the church, you do not give up on us and forsake your bride, but graciously shower us with your faithfulness and love as you guide us into your truth. We praise you for that. We ask you to teach us to be a people who live faithfully in response. May we love you and the world that you love. God, we ask that you would mobilize all of us for your mission, from kids to youth to college students to adults of every age. May each generation be mobilized to pursue wholehearted after you, and may all people know that you are the good God who loves us and sent Jesus to die so that we might live. In His name we pray, Amen."