

# IN THE WORLD



John 17:9-19

**LESSON 9**  
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Connect timeless truths with today's news.

## **GENERATIONS CONNECT AT COLLEGE**

College students get to meet people who are different from themselves, but most students don't form friendships with someone in their seventies, eighties, or nineties. That is exactly what Michigan State University is promoting through their "Generations Connect" program. Each incoming student is paired with an adult from the community, and the students are encouraged to learn from the wisdom and experience around the room. The program has proved to be very popular, with both students and seniors surprised at the depth of connections. As the founder, John Waller, explains, "It takes . . . being kind to thrive in a program like this. . . . It seems to me to be one of the most important things you can learn."

## **GENERATIONS EXTOL GOD'S FAITHFULNESS**

Psalms 145—the final psalm attributed to David—describes a testimony that God's people can share of his faithfulness. To praise God "forever and ever" requires that we give a consistent witness, that we praise God for all the ways that he is worthy to be enthroned as king. That's how the psalmist can know that praise won't stop with us; God's kingdom will continue "for all generations."

1. When have you connected with someone far older or younger than yourself?
2. What do you think younger generations can teach us through their praise of God?
3. What can older generations teach us through their praise of God?

## **Additional Resources**

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[Contemporary Worship Weekly](#)

[Echoes Worship Weekly](#)

[Traditional Worship Weekly](#)

[Jerome Creach's "Commentary of Psalm 145:10-18"](#)

[Bruce K. Waltke's Commentary on Psalm 145](#)

[Theology of Work Project on Psalm 145](#)

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