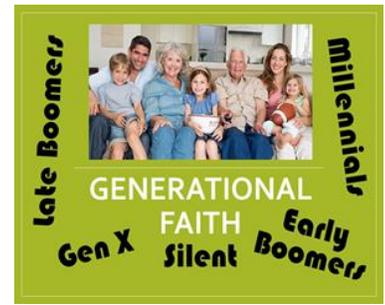


# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon Series: Generational Faith  
And the sermon for August 12&13, 2017:  
Silent Generation and Early Baby Boomers



**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
  - When have you experienced a generational behavior that was different from yours and which caused you to become annoyed or angry with someone?
- **Grow** (read the following aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

The Parable of the Lost Son (verses 11-30 are paraphrased)

Jesus told a parable about a man with two sons. The younger demanded that the father give him his share of the inheritance, which he did. The younger son then took his share and went to a far off country and squandered it all on wild living. When he came to his senses, he came home, hoping to at least be a servant in his father's house. But, his father welcomed him home with open arms, killed the fatted calf and threw him a party. When the older brother saw what was going on he became angry with his brother for what he had done, and with his father for forgiving him. And he refused to join in the party. But we hear in verses 31-32, "31 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" **Luke 15: 11-32**

- Share any similarities that exist between experiences you have had, and the position taken by either son or the father.
  - Who in the parable do you most identify with?.
  - Since Jesus was telling this parable to the Pharisees, what point was He making to them?
  - How could this parable be more about the father than either of the sons?
  - How might generational differences between the two brothers contribute to their behaviors?
  - Do you think that the older son ever forgave his brother and joined in the party?
- **Serve**
    - God works through community. Who in your life might you extend some grace to in relation to their behavior?
  - **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**