

## Connect group Notes – Inspire a generation

### Opening Question

When was the first time you thought you were no longer young? (Make sure to keep it light)

### Moving on

Who was someone who invested in you when you were younger? Who took the time to inspire you?

Read Genesis 1:1-27 together. What do you notice about how God creates?

How are you personally creating environments for the next generation to flourish?

Do you find it easy to invest in others around you?

We heard from Sam Hughes, our NextGen Pastor and what we as a church are doing to invest in the next generation.

- Spend a few moments discussing what you are grateful for from our NextGen team, if you're a parent share stories of where you've seen the benefit of our Kids & Youth team.
- Is there someone you could thank for investing in you, your child, your grandchild? Why not send them a message today?

Read Philippians 2:6-7. We talked about Kenosis, Jesus' self emptying power.

- Why is it powerful that Jesus had the opportunity to take up power but he laid it down?
- Why do we find this so difficult as humans?
- What can you do to lay down your own preferences to inspire the generations?

*"Like it or not, we are the stewards of the church for our generation. More daunting than that is the fact that we determine what comes to mind when they hear the term 'church'" - Andy Stanley*

How does this make you feel? Discuss what you think it means for us corporately as a church and then for you as individuals.

### Pray

- Spend time praying for those you know in the next generation.
- Ask God to show you ways you can help others to flourish
- Ask God to show where you need to let go so that others can be inspired.