The Ministry of Ezra: A Biblical Model of Intergenerational Worship

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Abstract
Despite many studies on intergenerational worship, there is little focus on a specific biblical character with the aim to edify the Church family as a whole in terms of intergenerational worship and how it impacts all generations and family types in the Church today. This study focuses on the ministry of Ezra and how he led others through a time of intergenerational worship and transition. Guided by examples from Ezra's ministry, along with historical research, this study will seek to discover ways that Ezra taught worship across generational lines, lessons that the 21st-century church can glean from his ministry, and the critical impact that his example of intergenerational worship can have on single families in the Church. Through these findings, one will see how Ezra taught worship across generational lines during a time of transition by studying, teaching, and enacting the Word of God. The 21st-century church will see the benefits that come from this model through a weekly worship service in terms of intergenerational participation, self-sacrifice, and mentorship. The 21st-century single family will also see the benefit that comes from this type of weekly intergenerational worship service in terms of inclusion in the church family, support from the congregation, and opportunities to serve all generations. Further, this study will help encourage other church ministry disciplines to research more materials that can demonstrate a biblical method that any church pastor or lay leader can follow in order to incorporate intergenerational aspects in all family groups that are represented, especially in the area of single-parent homes.
covenant land as a theocratic (kingdom of God) community even while continuing under Gentile rule. The major theological themes of this account are: The restoration of Israel from exile was God's doing. Case studies of intergenerational congregations provide models for how a culture of intergenerationality can be created in local churches. This volume serves as an essential guide for all preparing for and involved in congregational ministry and formation. Discover the riches of intergenerational ministry, and let all generations commend the works of God to one another. REVIEWS. “Intergenerational Christian Formation provides church leaders with a solid biblical rationale and a reasoned roadmap for cultivating such a culture of intergenerational life, blessings and community in Christ.” Tim Pyles, The Christian Chronicle, March 2013. Some Biblical leadership gift models, which are sometimes called the five-fold ministry, can be found in Eph 4:11-13 which says: “Eph 4:11It was he who gave some to be (1) apostles, some to be (2) prophets, some to be (3) evangelists, and some to be (4) pastors and (5) teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in. 2. The freedom that worship leader allows will likely dictate the free expression of worship and ministry of the community. 3. The extent to which the worship leader calls on the power of God will be the extent that the congregation avails itself, or commits to, God's power opportunities for the Body to minister to itself arise.