“Jesus’ Family Gathered at One Table”

- generational bias -

John 17:11, 20-23; 1 Chron 12:32

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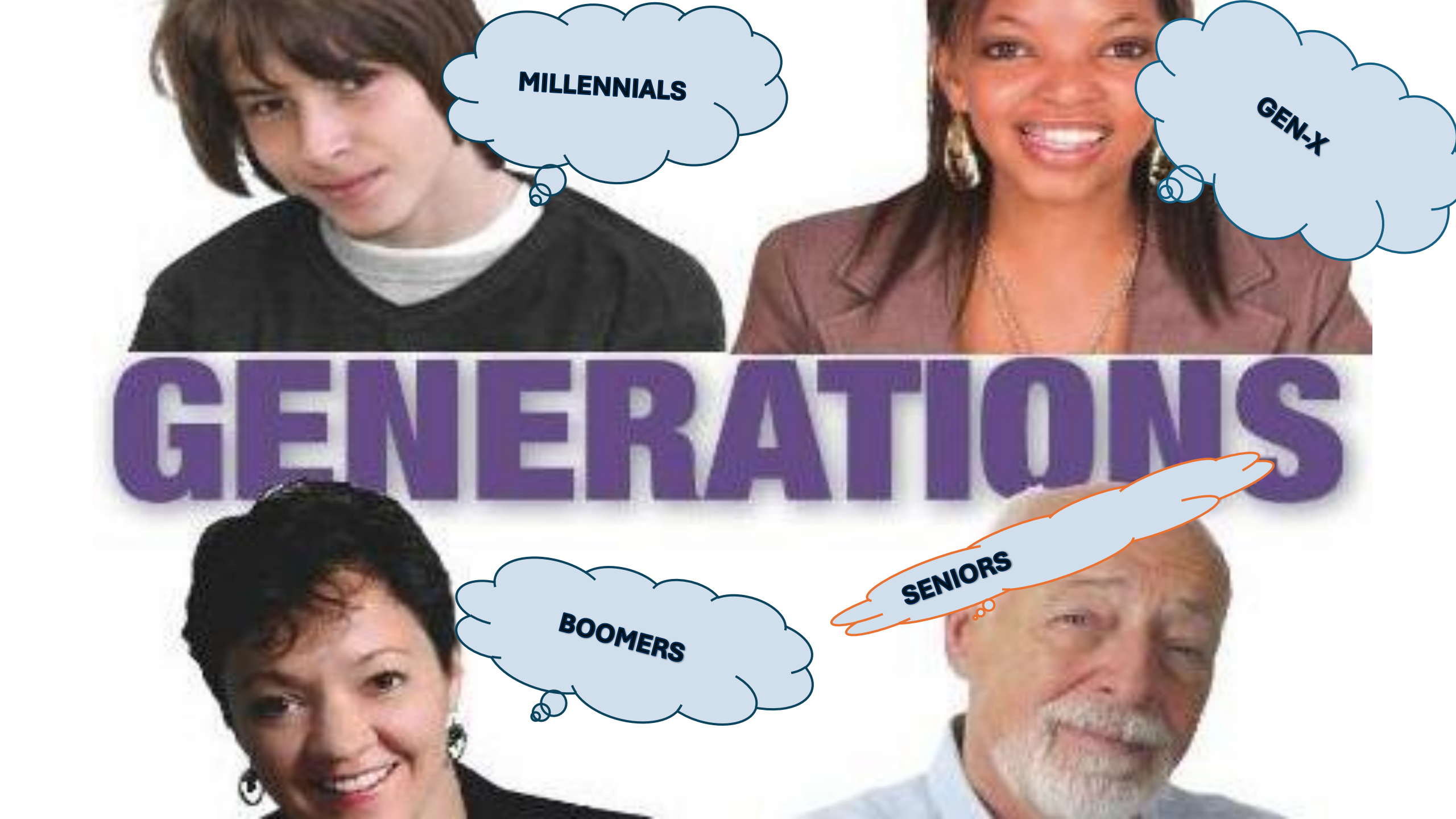
MILLENNIALS
GEN-X
GENERATIONS
BOOMERS
SENIORS

Generations in America

Generation	Born	Pop. Share
Srs (SilentGen)	Pre-1946	5%
Baby Boomers	1946-1964	21%
Gen Xers	1965-1980	20%
Millennials	1981-1996	22%
Gen Z	1997 -2012	21%

as of July 1, 2023; www.statista.com, accessed Feb 20, 2025; percentages rounded

SENIORS
(greatest & silent generations)

Now ages 79 and older
5% of US population

BOOMERS

(10,000 retiring daily)

Now ages 61-78

21% of US population

GEN-X

Now ages 45-60
20% of US population

MILLENNIALS

(Gen Y; largest in history)

Now ages 29-44

22% of US population

GEN Z

(“zoomers”; the “revival” and “retreat” generation)

Now ages 13-28

21% of US population

What Describes Their Worship Preferences?

- Worship Space (environment)
- Worship Style
- Worship Structure (organization)
- Worship Music
- Worship Sermon

WORSHIP **SPACE**

Aesthetic
Detail
Beauty
“dress up”

WORSHIP **STYLE**

Formal
Reverent
Congruent

WORSHIP **STRUCTURE**

Familiar
Logical
Clear
instructions

WORSHIP **MUSIC**

Familiar Hymns
More objective
Acoustic instruments
Part-singing

WORSHIP **SERMON**

Simple and Direct Outline organized

WORSHIP SPACE

High quality
Comfort
Good acoustics
Comfortable seating

WORSHIP STYLE

More casual
Upbeat
Celebrative
Media usage

WORSHIP STRUCTURE

Fast-paced
Use of visual
Well-planned
Flow

WORSHIP MUSIC

Music with a beat
Updated Excellence
“Big”

WORSHIP SERMON

Practical application Emphasis on great themes of the faith

WORSHIP SPACE

Contemporary
colors/fabrics/
Styles
Excellence
Casual

WORSHIP STYLE

Casual dress
Relaxed feel
Variety of expression
Emphasis on authenticity

WORSHIP STRUCTURE

Time conscious
Innovative
Experiential/ active

WORSHIP MUSIC

Variety of styles/ Instruments
Emotional depth
Can include lament

WORSHIP SERMON

Practical messages
Answer real questions
Real people
Healing hurts

WORSHIP SPACE

Intimate, warm
Promotes connection
to others

WORSHIP STYLE

Multi-sensory
Technology a must
Neotraditionalists
Image-driven

WORSHIP STRUCTURE

Multi-taskers
Interactive
Experiential

WORSHIP MUSIC

Musical taste extremely varied

Contemporary instruments

Connective medleys

WORSHIP SERMON

Stories
See truth as customizable
Active faith-doing
Address topics with grace