

Uncommon Fellowship Groups Discussion Guide Sep 23, 2018

Series: Finding a Life While Making a Living

Sermon: Rethinking Retirement

Opening Questions

When you hear the word retirement what comes to mind? Is that a positive or negative word for you? Why?

What are your hopes for retirement? What concerns or fears do you have about retirement?

Isaiah 46:4

Even to your old age and gray hairs

I am he, I am he who will sustain you.

I have made you and I will carry you;

I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Psalm 71:17-18

Since my youth, God, you have taught me,

and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,

do not forsake me, my God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,

your mighty acts to all who are to come.

What do these verses say to you about retirement and how to live it?

In *Nearing Home*, Billy Graham wrote: “This book isn’t just for old people; it’s for people at every stage of life – even those who have never thought much about growing older. The reason is simple: the best way to meet the challenges of old age is to prepare for them now, *before* they arrive.” How can we prepare for the challenges of old age now?

A disciple of Jesus asks the question, “God, what is your will for my retirement?” Have you asked that question? If so, what have you sensed God saying to you? What does it look like to live for God’s kingdom and its purposes in retirement?

How can we as a church bless/serve those who are retired?

Closing Prayer - Close by sharing your prayer requests and praying for each other.