

Church Leadership That Really Blows

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New ideas challenging traditional norms can cause tension in the church. Columnist Jelani Greenidge asks which is more important, the old wine or the new?

1. What quirky home repair project could you compare to Jelani Greenidge's air conditioner fix?
2. Tension seems to exist between the vigor of youth and the wisdom of elders in every generation. How do you see this playing out within your own family structure? In culture? In your church?
3. Greenidge says churches need to change the way we do things in order to be influential. What changes in your church do you wrestle with?
4. Studies show great benefits from intergenerational worship. When do you think it works well for all ages to worship together, and when is it more effective to be separate according to stages of life?
5. Greenidge says, "We can't force new believers into an old framework." Is the encouragement to adapt to the youth of the next generation the same as integrating those new to the faith? What do you see happening in your church that is working?