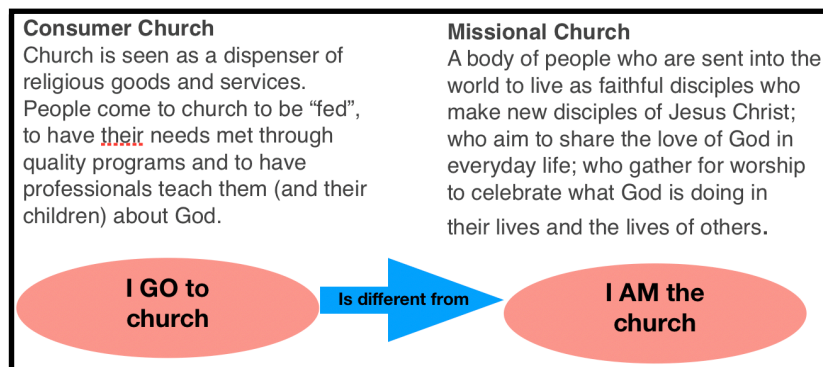


Unafraid: Fear of Stepping Out

Isaiah 41:8-10; Luke 9:1-5; Luke 10:1-9; John 15:16;
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A church: _____ people go. The church: _____ people go.

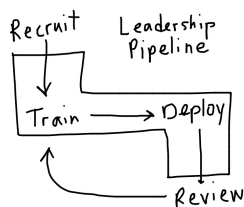
At times, fear of _____ is linked to a fear of _____.



It's easy to be a _____. It's hard to be a _____. Being a _____ one means embracing every moment God gives you to _____ Christ-centered connections in _____ world.

Luke 9 & 10: Jesus sends out the 12 & 72.

Lessons from **THE GOOD SAMARITAN**: Jesus _____ the script. _____



Jesus wants his followers to overcome fear and _____.

TAKEAWAY: How do we step out? 1. Embrace your _____.
2. Grasp your _____. 3. Realize you're _____.

Daily Readings: Unafraid: Fear of Stepping Out

In worship we examined the difference between being 'a church' to being 'the church.' Inclusiveness (whether intentional or not) can often foster a subtle fear that grips many Christ-followers. May the daily readings inspire you to step out and overcome fear of being the church Christ calls us to be.

MONDAY – Read Isaiah 6:1-8. It seems natural for doubt to rise when we are exposed to a greater purpose. What is it that makes Isaiah the prophet doubt his ability? What is it that gave Isaiah the strength to 'answer the call?' How do you relate to Isaiah?

TUESDAY – Read Isaiah 41:8-10 & John 15:16. What does it feel like to be chosen? Can you think of a time in your life when you were chosen for something meaningful? How did that experience impact you? In the two verses for today, God reminds his people that they are not alone and he challenges them to embrace their calling and to not give in to fear. How does knowing 'God is with you' inspire you as you live out a life of faith?

WEDNESDAY – Read Luke 9:1-5 & Luke 10:1-9. Jesus sends out the 12 & the 72 to teach, heal and love. Even before the disciples 'had it all together', he sent them out. Why do you think Jesus did this? What would this look like in our context? What are some practical ways we could embrace our 'sent-ness' in the Wadsworth community?

THURSDAY – Read Luke 10:25-37. The parable of the Good Samaritan is a common story that has been told and retold for generations. Why do you suppose Jesus used a Samaritan rather than a Priest or Levite to be the 'good guy' in this story? Re-read the story again and imagine it in the context of 21st century America. Who is the Priest? Who is the Levite? Who is the Samaritan? What can God teach us by looking at this story through a modern lens? Lastly, what lessons still ring true today?

FRIDAY – Read 1 John 4:17-19. Do you find it easier to love because Christ first loved us? How so? How does fear often interfere with our love for others, especially others not like us? What are some ways the church can 'overcome' our fears to step out of our comfort zones (both inside and outside of the church walls)?

SATURDAY – Read Psalm 23. Read over this well known psalm as a meditative prayer. May the word of the Lord give you strength and encouragement to 'step out' and may you find rest in Him this weekend.

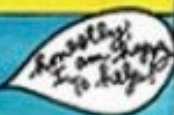
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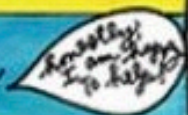
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