

Week 9 | June 3 Sermon

Community:

Over the past 8 weeks, you've gotten to know each other a little bit or a little bit better. You're learning about each other beyond the surface details of jobs and hometowns and where you went to school.

[NOW WHAT?]

For the most part, you need to keep doing what you're doing. Building trust is an ongoing process.* And it may not (or really very likely won't) be fully built by the time this sermon series closes. Think about what it feels like to be at the point at which you are with the group of people sitting around you. What have you learned that you didn't think you'd learn? What do you appreciate about your new community that you didn't even know to appreciate before this? What does it look like to move forward in community from this point forward?

If your group is ready, begin talking about what will happen when the sermon series ends. Will you stay together? Will you take a break? Will you multiply and start new groups this fall? (I'm always looking for great leaders!:) These decisions don't need to be made today, but it is healthy for you to begin talking and sharing ideas so that everyone goes into these last few weeks with the same expectations.

* Content adapted from "Community" by Andy Stanley





We are to live as sent ones, who glorify God in our daily lives and point others to Him.

Pray and ask God to show you who he is sending you to serve this week. Please read Luke 10:1-24. With the B.L.E.S.S. word for this week being "sent," what is the Holy Spirit drawing your attention to in the passage?

How do you respond to the idea of seeing our lives as "trailers" for the bigger story of God's reign and rule? Does it strike you as intimidating? Arrogant? Energizing? Something else? Why?

Do you find it difficult to understand yourself as a person who represents Jesus? Why or why not?

- Is it odd to see yourself as a missionary in this region? There are many ways we can express the values of the Kingdom of God. Can you name and share 1-2?
- There's an old communication theory that goes like this: When predictability is high, impact is low. In other words, when the audience thinks they know what you're going to say, and you go ahead and say it, it makes very little impact. On the other hand, when an audience is surprised or intrigued, they will think long and hard about what they've heard. How could you apply this as the Lord "sends" you to your school/workplace this week?
- Would you be willing to pray aloud for each other? Please consider how to pray in ways that the Lord will release "blessing" through each of you—for His fame and reign.

-adapted from Frost, Surprise the World.



Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25**

AUDITORIUM :: Tim Brand

What area of living a life on mission speaks most to you – reconciliation, justice, healing, or wholeness?

How have you been able to develop your faith legs in your experiences?

How does knowing Christ has gone before you and will send the Holy Spirit to equip you encourage you?

What did you learn from the passage on sending out the 72? (Luke 10:1-24)

Do you believe journaling is part of living a missional life? If you've journaled before, how has it helped you today?