

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning.

Bill Jackson - *The Quest for the Radical Middle: A History of the Vineyard* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")

Richard Foster - *Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith*

The Vineyard DNA: Essential History, Values, & Practices
available exclusively at vineyardresources.com

John Wimber - *Power Healing*

John Wimber - *Power Evangelism*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

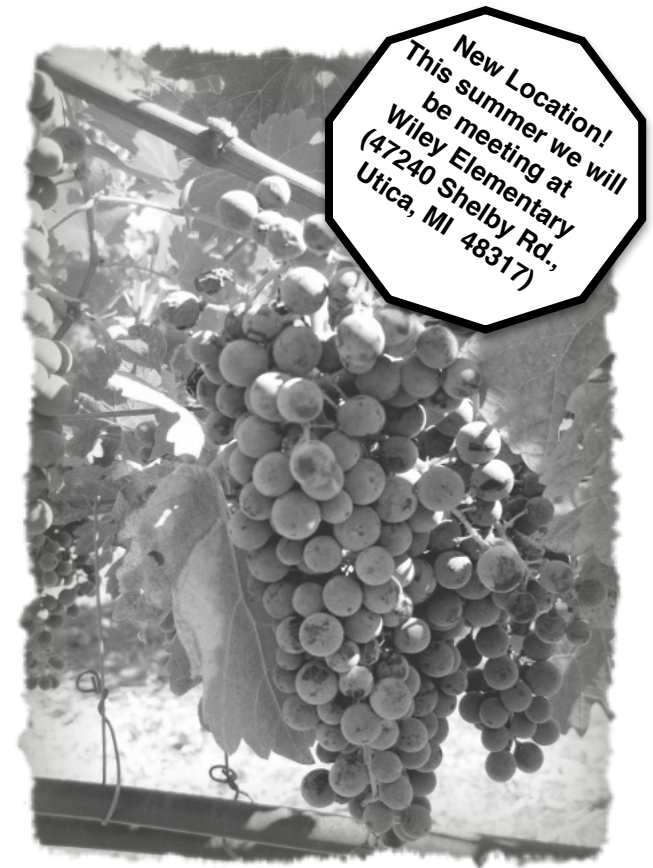
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New Location!
This summer we will
be meeting at
Wiley Elementary
(47240 Shelby Rd.,
Utica, MI 48317)

The Quest for the Radical Middle

August 6, 2017

Week 10 of series: Acts 29

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

The Quest for the Radical Middle

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: How much do you know about your family tree (e.g., where your parents were born, what countries your grandparents originate from, or any interesting facts about any of your ancestors)? Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. In Sunday's sermon, Dan shared how he was born and raised Catholic and believed that Catholicism was the only valid expression of the Christian faith. He even thought his Lutheran neighbors and Methodist soccer team member followed Jesus in an inferior way. Did you grow up in a church-going home? If yes, did you share similar thoughts about those who attended a different denomination than yours?
4. A quotable quote shared in Sunday's sermon was this: "If you have the Spirit without the Word, you blow up. If you have the Word without the Spirit, you dry up. If you have both the Word and the Spirit, you grow up." What are your thoughts on this perspective?
5. In *Streams of Living Water*, Richard Foster highlights six expressions of the Christian faith:
 - Contemplative (Prayer-Filled)
 - Holiness (Virtuous)
 - Charismatic/Pentecostal (Spirit-Empowered)
 - Social Justice (Compassionate)
 - Evangelical (Word-Centered)
 - Incarnational (Sacramental)Go around the room and give an example of at least one person or organization that "specializes" in each of the six streams.
6. In *Forgotten God*, Francis Chan (who is part of the Evangelical stream of our faith) writes: "You might think that calling the Holy Spirit the "forgotten God" is a bit extreme. Maybe you agree that the church has focused too much attention elsewhere but feel it is an exaggeration to say we have forgotten about the Holy Spirit. I don't think so. From my perspective, the Holy Spirit is tragically neglected and, for all practical purposes, forgotten. While no evangelical would deny His existence, I'm willing to bet there are millions of churchgoers across America who cannot confidently say they have experienced His presence or action in their lives over the past year. And many of them do not believe they can." What are your thoughts on Chan's perspective? If you are honest, to what degree has the Holy Spirit been the "forgotten God" on your spiritual journey?
7. The Vineyard movement attempts to bring together the best of both the Evangelical and Pentecostal/Charismatic streams of Christianity while staying away from the extremes of both. Which of the two streams are you most comfortable "swimming in"? What is an Action Step you can take to "stick your big toe in the water" of the other stream?

Key Passage:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching . . . Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. - Acts 2:42,43 (CSB)