

Suggested Resources

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

John Ortberg - *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them* → this week's "Pastor's Pick"

Tod Bolsinger - *It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian*

Larry Crabb - *Becoming a True Spiritual Community: A Profound Vision of What the Church Can Be*

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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A Place Where Everybody Knows Your Name

Week 2 of Series: On Your "Mark"

September 17, 2017

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.

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(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: Who are some people you love to spend time with? What do you typically do with them when you get together? 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. Read Mark 1:6. If John the Baptist were alive today, and he showed up to your small group or to church on Sunday dressed the way that is described in this verse, to what degree would you judge him or accept him? Be honest!
4. John the Baptist comes preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, so everyone goes out to get baptized by him (see Mark 1:4-5). No problem so far, right? But then Jesus shows up, and He gets baptized too (see Matthew 3:13-15)! Why? After all, He was without sin so He didn't need to repent of anything, and He didn't need to be forgiven for anything, right? So why was He baptized? If someone asked you why Jesus got baptized, how would you have answered him or her prior to hearing Sunday's sermon? What about now?
5. Are you an introvert or an extrovert? How has this temperament either helped or hindered your pursuit of community on your spiritual journey?
6. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. How has going to church on Sundays made an impact on your spiritual journey? What are some reasons going to church every single Sunday isn't just something that you should do out of obligation, but something you should feel compelled to do?
7. What would it look like for you to press into community like never before at our church? Which of the ideas below might the Holy Spirit be nudging you to do?
 - Join a small group this fall season
 - Join a volunteer team and "help make church happen" on Sundays
 - Invite some folks out to lunch with you after church
 - Attend church every single Sunday
 - Show up earlier or linger after church ends
 - "Take 5" and meet one new person every Sunday
8. As you take steps to press into community like never before, which of the following do you need to keep in mind?
 - Fail Forward – if you join a small group or volunteer team or meet some people for lunch and it's not a good fit, don't give up! Try again.
 - Take the Initiative - don't wait to be asked to enter into community. Be the one to do the asking or inviting.
 - Give Grace - don't get offended if a person doesn't reply to your e-mail or isn't able to meet for coffee
 - Be Realistic - building relationships takes time so don't expect to have a "BFF" after attending your small group for just a couple months

Key Passage:

***John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins-* Mark 1:4-5 (CSB)**