Small Group Discussion Guide

March 3 & 4, 2018 *Navigating Transitions* Interview with Steve Conway and Scott Sinner

Welcome

- What unexpected changes have you experienced in your life?
- Were there things you did to help navigate through the uncertainties?

Word

- 1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.
 - a. What is the theme of these verses?
 - b. What ways did Scott share that can help us walk through the grief of change?
- 2. Steve said we should develop "Spandex of soul."
 - a. What did he mean by this?
 - b. Why is this so important now at Mercer Creek church?
 - c. Why is this such an important choice for you personally?
- 3. Read Joshua 1:1-8.
 - a. How does this passage illustrate that God's mission in the church transcends personalities?
 - b. What phrase is repeated over and over as the people/new leader faced this change? How does this speak to you?
 - c. What important lessons can we learn in this passage for our time of transition here at Mercer Creek?
- 4. Read Joshua 1:16, 17.
 - a. What takes place here?
 - b. How does this speak to you personally?

Weave

- Let your grief in this transition be a prompt to be an encourager. Send notes of encouragement to the pastoral staff; the office staff; the board.
- Choose to be a "hope" carrier this week in your social circles and small groups within the church.