

NAVIGATING CHANGE

Week 2: Change is Hard
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**WARM-UP**

What is the most difficult thing you have ever attempted? Why was it difficult for you?

INTRODUCTION

- ⇒ If you wrote a personal mission statement or vision statement (last week's homework), share with the group, if you're willing.
 - What did you discover or learn in the process of writing it?
- What did you take note of during the sermon this week? Share with the group.

Let's review from last week:

Mission is why we do what we do. A church's mission is tied to the Great Commission.

Vision is what the mission will look like when it is lived out in our church and our community.

Read Isaiah 43:10-19

- ⇒ Discuss why it is important to have a mission and a vision for the future when navigating change.
- ⇒ What do you think this passage means when it says to forget the past or not look back? (vs. 18)
 - What can happen if we get stuck dwelling on the past?
 - What would be a good reason for looking back?
- ⇒ What is the new thing that was predicted here in Isaiah?

BIBLE APPLICATION

- ⇒ A reason for looking back to God's faithfulness in the past is that it can give us faith for the present and the future. What thing has God done in your life in the past that gives you faith for now?

Read Hebrews 11:1-6

- ⇒ Why is building a strong faith necessary for us to move forward in whatever it is God is calling us each to do?
- ⇒ How would you define faith? Work together to come up with a definition that would help someone understand what we mean when we tell them they need to have faith.

- ⇒ What is the difference between having faith and believing in God?
- ⇒ List some of the other ways we use the word "faith" and discuss what we mean by them. For example: sharing our faith, faith-based organization, etc.
- ⇒ After giving the list of people who acted in faith I Hebrews 11, **Hebrews 12:1-2** gives an action step for us to take. What is it?
- ⇒ What hinders you from fulfilling the mission God has given you?
 - **Read Romans 10:7.** Where do we get faith?
 - When have you felt like your faith was challenged?
 - What emotions do you feel when your faith wavers?
 - What is the best way you have found to fight against your own unbelief or lack of faith?
 - When you feel like you have a lot of faith, what do you think contributes to it? When you feel weaker in faith, what causes that?

NEXT STEPS / ACTION

- Matt said, "Stop doing church and commit to being the church." How do we "do church?"
- List some examples of how we can be the church and not just do church.

Read Colossians 4:2-6

- ⇒ Who is this passage talking about in verse 5?
- ⇒ What does it mean to make the most of every opportunity? (vs. 6)
- ⇒ What opportunities do you have to share the message of salvation with others?
 - When have you missed an opportunity?
 - What will you do this week to make sure you don't miss an opportunity?

PRAYER

Pray for strengthening of your faith as you act on the mission to reach lost people. Pray also for those who have not yet taken a step to believe through faith.

- ⇒ **Leaders: note items marked with the arrows are key discussion questions if you're short on time.**

