

Sermon Guide



“A New Season, By His Grace, for His Glory” September 4, 2022

“²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.“ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you...’”

Acts 11:19-26

1. **“It is the nature of the people of God to become like Him in His humility and unity.”** How do you see God expanding your humility and unity? What about in the lives of your spiritual community?
 - a. In what areas do you want to see an increase?
2. **As we grow and walk by the Spirit, we wobble.** We need to strengthen our core, which takes pushing beyond our current capacity. Rick goes so far as to encourage us to embrace the moments we wobble, because they lead to growth. What ways do you feel “wobbly” in this season of growing into Christ’s image?
 - a. What is being produced in you?
3. **Rick said we have a firm foundation even when we wobble;** that foundation is found in Colossians 1:15-23. Reflect on this passage and share: what realities in Colossians provide you a firm foundation for seasons of messy growth?
4. **Rick said that, as we look towards the future as a spiritual community, we must invite one another into a posture, not a plan.** Imagine for a moment: how might those alternate forms of “visions” differ in how we as the church operate? What results come from a plan? What results come from a posture of humility and unity?

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?