

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL VIEW

9/12 & 9/13

[Matthew 28:16-20](#) – Stephen Covey wrote a book titled “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.” One of the habits is starting with the end in view. The idea is to keep the result in mind when you start. For example, if you want to be healthy, you start with what healthy looks like. Is it losing ten pounds? In thinking about discipleship, the question that came up is, what does a healthy disciple look like? Jesus words in Matthew 28 came to mind. The disciples were to go and make disciples by baptizing and teaching. If we are to be disciples, then we need to do what Jesus told his disciples to do.

What are you doing to make disciples?

Who have you helped disciple?

Who can you disciple?

Why is it important to keep the end in mind?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for September 7 – September 13, 2026

One of the bigger questions that organizations ask is, “What is our purpose?” Organizations want to stay true to who they are, just as stores want to sell products that add value to their customers, or freight businesses want to deliver what they haul safely and on time. What about churches? Churches try to find unique ways to share their purpose, and it goes back to what Jesus said: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. The follow-up question is how? How do we, as a church, do this? Jesus answers in Matthew 28:16-20, more specifically in verses 19-20, by telling his disciples to go and make disciples through baptizing and teaching what they have learned from Jesus. How are we living out Jesus’ words?

~ Pastor Seth

STAY IN YOUR LANE

Mon. 9/7

[Psalm 40](#) – How do you handle those who seem to know all there is to know about everything? This is one of my weaknesses. I tend to speak in situations where I am not qualified to speak. Those who love me tell me to stay in my lane, meaning speak to what I know. Honestly, I don’t know much, but I know Jesus loves me. David, who wrote Psalm 40, was a great leader and endured tremendous suffering. He wrote about what he knew and what he experienced. He knew God as his refuge because God rescued him from the struggles that he found himself in. Psalm 40 starts with God lifting him out of the slimy pit and setting his feet on solid ground. David continues to say that he will tell everyone who God is and what God has done. David’s life experience qualifies him to share God’s love and salvation.

What has David endured that qualifies him to speak about God?

What have you endured to enable you to speak about God’s love, forgiveness, and salvation?

A PROMISE IS A PROMISE

Tue. 9/8

[Genesis 12:1-8](#) – Do you remember when you first met God? For some of us, there is a dramatic experience. For others, God has been there. In either situation, God promises to be with us. In Genesis 12, we can see the start of a relationship between God and Abram. We don't know if God has always been with Abram, but there is a dramatic experience. God says that he will make Abram's descendants more numerous than the stars. God will be with Abram wherever he goes. As Abram leaves his home, his wife and his nephew go with him. They were not there with Abram when God spoke to him, but they trusted Abram. They knew Abram and eventually would have their own experience of God and God's salvation. Each of them would learn that God delivers on His promises, which did not look like what they thought.

What promises has God made to you?

How is God delivering on those promises?

RESPONDING TO GOD

Wed. 9/9

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#) – The depth of the Bible becomes real to us at different times. Over the past few years, the passage from Isaiah 6:1-8 has brought different reactions. Isaiah understands God's voice and shares his knowledge with those around him. In this part of Isaiah's life, God's presence fills the Temple. As Isaiah sees God's holiness, he knows he is in trouble because he is not as holy as God is. Isaiah knows that he and his neighbors are not obeying God's words and decrees. Yet, God forgives Isaiah. God sets him free from the sin that entangled him. God doesn't stop there. He goes on to ask who should go into the world that would speak for Him. Isaiah understands the call and volunteers. Why? Why would Isaiah go? Does it come from his heart? Is it a sense of obligation?

Where do you see yourself in Isaiah's story?

If you were in Isaiah's shoes, would you volunteer? Why?

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

Thur. 9/10

[Luke 10:1-12](#) – Have you ever been entrusted with a message? It might be a message you were to give to your parents or your children. It might be a message you were to give to a colleague or your boss. Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to give a message to the surrounding towns. He sent them off in pairs. He told them what to do and say. They were to heal the sick and proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand. It may not seem all that strange to us, but think about it from the disciples' perspective. They were going to places they did not know, to people they had not met, and tell them about the kingdom of God. It seems strange and definitely out of a person's comfort zone. Why would they do this? I wonder if it is because of what Jesus has done for them. I wonder if they shared their experience.

What would give you the courage to go and share?

What is the message the disciples shared? Has it changed?

ARE YOU READY?

Fri. 9/11

[2 Timothy 4:1-5](#) – I was talking to a friend who is prepared for just about anything. He has a bag ready to go if he needs to leave his house in an emergency. He has food and water ready if the power goes out. He is ready for just about anything. When I read Paul's words to his spiritual son, Timothy, I am reminded to be prepared. Paul says a time is coming when people will not want to hear the truth, so Timothy should be prepared to correct, rebuke, and encourage people to seek Jesus. How does Timothy prepare for this time? If we look at chapter three, Paul tells Timothy to know the scriptures and to lean on those who teach the truth. Paul's goal for Timothy is to share his faith with all kinds of people in all kinds of ways.

How well do we need to know the scriptures to be able to share our faith with those around us?

How prepared are you to share your faith?