

January 25 2018

Preparing for NOOHRA Workshop #3
at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018



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JANUARY 14, 21, 28, &
FEBRUARY 4
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Hello Dear Friend,

We have successfully made it through half of the Noohra Workshops. Hooray! Thank you for being so engaged and thoughtful throughout this experience. I hope that you have gotten as much out of it as I have.

After a wonderful discussion on what makes a church last week, this week we are moving into a discussion on mission by contemplating the questions *Why am I here?* and *Why was Jesus here?* Being a futuristic activator, I find it exciting to return to my personal mission statement periodically and see how I'm measuring up- what still resonates with me, and how words need to be modified to reflect changes in my life. The influence of Jesus and his mission has grown as it relates to my personal mission in the last few years. I have started to look at the gifts, opportunities, and circumstances I've been given and see how they could be aligned with the mission of the Christ. This week I'm asking our community to do the same.

Here's what you need to know for Week 3:

Theme: MISSION - *Why am I here?* + *Why was Jesus here?*

Scripture: *Isaiah 61:1-3* The Lord God's spirit is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release for captives, and liberation for prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and a day of vindication for our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for Zion's mourners, to give them a crown in place of ashes, oil of joy in place of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of discouragement. They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, planted by the Lord to glorify himself.

Overview: Throughout the course of human history, people have constantly asked the question: What is the meaning of it all? This week we'll work through questions of purpose as they relate to ourselves, our community and our Christ in order to gain a better understanding of where we're going and why.

PLEASE DO AHEAD OF TIME:

Why are you here? You probably have a good idea already of why you're here, and your life's mission. But, sometimes it's nice to take the time and space to think about it. To help jog your thinking, here's a [mission builder exercise](#) created by Franklin Covey. You'll find the builder creates a very long mission statement - don't feel like you have to work with or use the whole thing. Pick the pieces that resonate with you and use them to build something authentic and clear.

For some inspiration, you can read about why Jesus was here in this Richard Rohr [meditation](#). You can also read about why Gandhi was here, why Erma Bombeck was here, or why Benjamin Franklin was here by reading their personal reflections/mission statements [here](#).

IF YOU'D LIKE TO STUDY UP BEFORE SUNDAY:

I've been using the Marcus Borg book, *Jesus*, as our guide for this week, and it just so happens that Richard Rohr's meditations over the past few weeks used Borg's writings along with others to study the role of Jesus. You can read them all [here](#). I have also [linked](#) the Rohr meditations on the Emerging Church which I handed out at last week's workshop. We'll be using those in the fourth workshop on covenant.

IF YOU CAN'T BE THERE THIS WEEK:

If you're unable to make it to this week's workshop, that's ok! Please read the supplemental material and we'll plan to see you in week 4.

LUNCH FOR FEBRUARY 4th*

If you're planning to attend the Noohra workshop on Feb 4, we encourage you to purchase a Sub from the middle school students for lunch! All proceeds benefit the Youth Fund! We'll have order forms available in the Orders of Worship and at the Noohra workshop this week.

Thank you so much for making the commitment to this community and participating in Noohra. We'll see you Sunday!

Warmly,
Ava