

2023-24 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. Since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

In sermon, we learned that youth aged people figured strongly in many biblical stories.

- Joseph's trajectory to Egypt started when he was 17
 - David was also 17 during his famous interaction with Goliath
 - Samuel was 12 when called by God in the middle of the night
 - Jeremiah was very likely a teenage mouthpiece when he began his prophetic ministry
 - Mary was likely in her mid-teens at the time of the angel's sudden visit to her
1. Were you surprised to learn the ages of some of these key biblical figures? Does envisioning John as a teenager change your perception of gospel texts?
 2. Do you think we have an age bias within the church (envisioning people as older than perhaps they were) in our reading of scripture? Why do you think this might be the case?
 3. Why might there be a tendency within the church to look down on or disparage those who are young?

Discussion Questions Set #2

"Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:35-45)

1. In sermon, it was suggested that culturally, we champion youthful fancy. What examples can you think of this reality? What might championing youthful fancy result in within the church?
2. In our passage above, we see that Jesus "heard" the immature desire and reoriented John's attention away for the distraction of youthful fancy and focussed it upon mature service to others. What might a similar process look like in 2024? What barriers exist to serving youth in this manner?
3. Why do you think we sometimes fail to meet young people right where they are and, right away, call them into following Jesus and into discipleship?
4. Why do you think "some day" thinking is prevalent among youth aged people?
5. Do you think the church in 2024 calls youth to be maturing, example-setters in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity for all followers of Jesus? Why or why not? How might this be done?