

Transformation

As we travel through the months ahead, we will ask and pray to God for clear direction in our future mission and ministry. And if we find ourselves to be off course, we will ask God to correct it – change it - **transform** it – to be better in line with God’s vision and mission of Christ at Immanuel.

And that **transformation** process begins with you and me!

LEARNING

Beginning September 15, we will begin a **congregational learning event** called “**Believe**” whose general editor and primary teacher is Pastor Randy Frazee. (You may remember him from “The Story” learning event several years ago)

“**Believe**” has three ten-week blocks of learning: **Think – Act – Be**

- What Do I Believe? (the basics of our faith) THINK
- What Should I Do? (the basics of discipleship) ACT
- Who Am I Becoming? (the basics of spiritual growth) BE

This will be the learning “curriculum” for *everyone* at Immanuel – Adults, youth and children. We will literally all be on “the same page” as we make our way through small groups, youth group, confirmation and Sunday School.

Look for student books, DVDs, small group registrations, and other resources to be available at church in the coming days.

Personally, I can’t think of a better way to spend our final months together. It is my hope and prayer that we do our best to stay united as a congregation during this time of transition. There is no better way for us to be united as a church than being united in learning from and applying God’s Word (God’s Truth) to our lives.

WORSHIP

With that said, we are also strongly considering moving (transforming?!) to having **one worship service** on Sundays at 9:30am, followed by fellowship time, followed by education time at 11am (or so) for Sunday School and Adult learning with discussion table groups for those who may not belong to a weekly small group.

Moving to one Sunday service would literally help us be physically **united** on Sunday mornings in worship, fellowship and learning. It would also provide wonderful opportunities for 9am worshippers to meet 10:30am worshippers, and vice versa, and the opportunity for members to build caring relationships between the generations.

Again, this Sunday Morning schedule change is still in the discussion stage. There are still wrinkles and logistics to think through and figure out. A new Sunday schedule would not begin until September 15. We will announce a decision soon.

TNT Final thoughts and words to prayerfully ponder...

- *“For I know the plans I have for you” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*
- *“For I am about to do something new – a new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness; I will create rivers in dry lands” Isaiah 43:19*
- *“This is my command: “Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*
- *“Trust in the Lord in all your ways, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will make straight your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6*