

that we look at him but rather Jesus points out that the Kingdom of God is near or “at hand.” Having heard the message this past Sunday, what is does the “Kingdom of God” mean to you? If it was near or at hand when Jesus walked the face of the earth, has the Kingdom of God arrived? If not, why not? What do you think the Kingdom of God means from generation to generation? What can the church do or what can you do to bring the Kingdom of God to its fullness? Write your thoughts here.

Thursday, February 19

The Rev. Dr. James W. Moore wrote about three elements of faith that are critical toward living out our faith. Trust and Risk were the first two discussed during the message. Think about the trust and risks those first disciples of Jesus demonstrated. How do you relate trust and risk to your faith? Trust might be more easily connected to faith but how does risk figure in to our faith? What does it mean to take risks in being faithful to God’s Kingdom work on earth? Meditate on these ideas and questions are write your reflections here.

Friday, February 20

The third element of faith is work. Pastor Jack mentioned that the Hebrew concept of faith is that faith is a verb; it requires action. What actions are you involved with that demonstrates your faith? What might God be calling you to do in order to live out your faith? What might God be calling you to do during this upcoming Season of Lent? Write your ideas here, praying for God’s guidance.

Message Notes February 15, 2026

Attitude is Your Paint Brush The Attitude of Faith*

- I. Have you ever heard of _____ Store? It’s much _____ than a drug store in the city of Wall, SD.
 - A. They also have _____ of signs directing you to Wall City and the _____ Store.
 - B. Those signs have been as far away as the _____ of China.
 - C. We have our own version of this phenom with the famous _____ Store in Frankenmuth, Michigan.
 1. Did you know that they have over _____ Billboards all over the US?
 2. The farthest one in in Osceola, Florida just north of _____.
- II. _____ historically refers to the techniques used by travelers to discover unmarked routes.
 - A. Faith is another _____ practice as we navigate the lives we live, the _____ we form, and _____ and ideals that we pursue.
 1. As with other wayfinding systems, Jesus linked his system to an important landmark: “the _____ of _____” (Mark 1:15).
 2. When we follow Jesus, we don’t just get _____. We get a new _____.
 3. Contrary to some in leadership, we find that Jesus uses the _____ of the kingdom not to dominate others or seek _____, but to _____ the sick, pronounce _____, cast out demons and _____ hungry crowds.

- B. When you follow the guidance of wayfinding Jesus, you find yourself living a life of sacrifice and _____, healing and _____.
 - C. Jesus put this _____ in front of his very first followers.
- III. Jesus also said, “But strive _____ for the _____ of _____ and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
- A. James Moore writes, “_____, _____, and _____ – these are, without question, _____ ingredients in the Christian faith.
 1. First is _____.
 2. Second is _____.
 3. Third, there is _____ to be done.
 - B. Faith from the Hebrew culture and perspective is a _____.
 1. Faith is developed and nurtured through constant _____.
 2. I remember a professor of mine saying that we really should translate the word as _____.
 3. We are called to be servants – _____ – as we seek to _____ Jesus, take _____ for the kingdom of God and find our way to _____ in Christ’s name.
 4. Being a faither means _____, _____ and _____.

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, February 16

Pastor Jack mentioned that this four-part series of message titled *Attitude is Your Paint Brush* could be a precursor for Lent. The four attitudes that we’ve discussed could be used to create a foundation for this Season of Lent as we are grateful for this time

in which we can draw near to our Creator in humility. There will be opportunities during this season where we can demonstrate our compassion for others and deepen our faith as we grow together in our relationship with each other and with our loving God. What do you think? How do you prepare for the Season of Lent? What would bring meaning to your Lenten experience this year? Meditate on these questions and write your reflections here.

Tuesday, February 17

The message began with the illustration of wayfinding which involves techniques used by travelers to discover unmarked routes. These techniques include but are not limited to dead reckoning, maps (earliest known maps are of the stars), compass, astronomical positioning or celestial navigation, radio navigation, and more recently, global positioning also known as GPS. How do you find your way to various destinations? If you travel often to certain places, have you replaced your wayfinding with recognizing street names and landmarks? Now, thinking about your Lenten Journey, what landmarks would you look to in order to reach your goals or destination? Bible Study? Prayer, meditation or fasting? Making a commitment to attending worship? Reflect on these questions and write your ideas here.

Wednesday, February 18

Read Mark 1:14-20. Skim over this scripture again and look for landmarks that lead you to a deeper understanding of Jesus’ way for your faith. You might start with the landmark of the one who is in the wilderness proclaiming, “Prepare the way of the Lord!” what other “landmarks” are there. The greatest “landmark teaching” of Jesus is the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is the vital teaching of Jesus the Christ as Jesus doesn’t demand