

June 26, 2020

Dear Friends,

Being Enamoured with Jesus

The seven-person Vision Team began to meet two weeks ago. Our hope is to journey with the people of Sunnyside these next 6-12 months to uncover and clarify the unique way God has shaped our church to be a blessing in our time. Churches can do many good things without a clear sense of God's direction. We are seeking clarity.

Every local group of Christians has a gift, a particular way of reflecting Christ. What is ours? As we seek to answer this question, we are first arrested by a single desire: to be enamoured with Jesus. To be totally filled with love for him, and to live our lives, 24-7, from that love. That is the top priority. Being in love with Jesus precedes living our lives from that love. A church or individual can do many activities, but if we do not first love Christ, our actions are like noisy gongs or clanging symbols. (1 Corinthians 13:1)

Covid-19 functions as a wake-up call – personally and corporately - if we let it. Why do we exist? We live in and for the love of Christ. Here are ideas for how you may nurture that love relationship this summer:

- Read one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and make note in a journal of every way you see the beauty of Jesus Christ. Turn to him. Ask him to help you love him.
- Watch [The Chosen](#) and notice the unique appeal of Jesus. (I have never recommended a Jesus film before and never thought I would. But this series is compelling for adults and children.)
- Attend one of our in-person “Being Enamoured With Jesus” gatherings, July 22 or July 29, 7-8:15 p.m. The purpose of these gatherings is to be and become enamoured with Jesus.

July 22 and 29: In-person Prayer and Worship

In last week's letter, I said we will stay online for Sunday gatherings this summer. But we do plan for two in-person gatherings in the church building for 48 people at a time. A team is working to prepare the space. You will receive clear guidelines about how to be safe. And our priority focus will be Christ. We will notice and worship Jesus through hearing and responding to scripture, listening and prayer, worship music, and participating in Communion. To indicate your plan to attend, [please click here](#). More details will follow.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

The little things count with God. Trust. Receptivity to the Holy Spirit. A humble posture, with hands and heart open. On Sunday, we will consider how, in God's culture, even the smallest gift with the right motives does not go unnoticed.

Please [contact me](#) for Zoom links.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

I hope you have a good weekend!

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)