



Follow Up from our Discover and Live Your Future Day of Exploration - Oct. 13, 2018

Responses to the questions: "What is church?"

- Community
- I'm no longer sure
- Community - moving, changing, helping
- Come in our brokenness; humanness
- Individual living out Christ-like life
- Not institution - stereotype - live outside that
- Overcome baggage - make positive
- Overcame One True Church
- Everyone's story is heard and equal
- Integral to our life - DNA
- Something that is worth my time
- Place for story
- One or more people connect with God - that is transformative

Questions - Courage to Let Go; Next Steps

Expectation for attendance?

Cohorts?

Who is the retreat for?

After 3 years, what will there be?

(a plan...) not necessarily. There will be next steps between retreats

Is this a retreat format?

We do have a framework but it will be more of a retreat format

Are we free to experiment now?

Will these retreats have content on things that are working in the Field?

Facebook – Leading and Living Missionally and Podcasts

Location: Whispering Pines and Zoom

Are we are selling our church buildings?

Homosexuality and Christian Faith: Questions of Conscience for the Churches (Walter Wink)

Why all this intolerance? Because while the unknown is the mind's greatest need, uncertainty is

one of the heart's greatest fears. So fearful, in fact, is uncertainty that many insecure people engage in what psychiatrists call "premature closure." These are those who prefer certainty to truth, those in church who put the purity of dogma ahead of the integrity of love. And what a distortion of the gospel it is to have limited sympathies and unlimited certainties, when the very reverse, to have limited certainties but unlimited sympathies, is not only more tolerant but far more Christian.

For "who has known the mind of God?" And didn't Paul also insist that if we fail in love we fail in all other things? The opposite of love is not hatred but fear. "Perfect love casts out fear." Nothing scares me like scared people, for while love seeks the truth, fear seeks safety, the safety so frequently found in dogmatic certainty, in pitiless intolerance.

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