

Exceptionally Ordinary

To go along with the Exceptionally Ordinary series, we would like to offer some resources for the congregation. Each week we will be adding to this document so continue to check back and take advantage of anything that would be useful for you.

October 16 - Eric Smith

- The big idea of Eric's message on Sunday was that faithfulness begins by showing up. We can do this in three ways:
 - We show up when we are connected in prayer.
 - We show up when we are grounded in the word.
 - We show up when we are surrendered to God's will.
- We need to make sure that we are showing up in the right place. For whom or what are you showing up?
- Book: [Praying the Bible](#) by Donald S. Whitney
- Video: Phil Vischer - [My Dreams and God's Will](#)
- Music: [Living for Your Glory](#) by Tim Hughes

October 23 - Dave Eckert

- The big idea of Dave's message was that we must choose to walk rather than waver. We must be willing to make:
 - a scary choice.
 - a necessary choice.
 - an active choice.
- Will you live your life in a way that glorifies Jesus rather than waver in your choices?
- How can I faithfully navigate as a representative of Jesus in a pluralistic setting?
- Book: [Confident Pluralism](#) by John D Inazu
- Music: [One True God](#) by Steven Curtis Chapman

October 30 - Gene Greiner

- The big idea of Gene's message on Sunday was that even from crisis, God restores His people in exceptional ways.
- When God takes you to an unfamiliar place, how do you know that He will remain faithful?
- In 1 Kings 19:1-18, we read the story of Elijah. When did you learn about God from this story? What did you learn about yourself?
- Are you ready for God to invade your ordinary life with something exceptional?
- Music: [Love Won't Give Up](#) by Elevation Worship
- Music: [From the Inside Out](#) by Hillsong Worship

November 13 - Eric Smith

- The big idea of Eric's message on Sunday was that God uses ordinary people as instruments of justice in the world.
- Eric reminded us that just because we didn't have a part in creating injustice doesn't mean that I don't have a responsibility to respond to it. Where is your sphere of influence and how can you be an instrument of justice in it?
- Take some time to meditate on the faithfulness of God, both to your personally as well as the church throughout history. How can you respond to that faithfulness in a way that glorifies God?
- Music: [Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly](#) by Pat Barrett

November 20 - Dave Eckert

- The big idea of Dave's message on Sunday was that a life faithfully lived is faithfully finished.
- How are you pouring in to the next generation? Who are you seeking out to serve?
- Are you in a new season of service? How can you seek to learn from those who have gone before you?
- Are you striving to leave a legacy or a witness? A legacy points to you and your accomplishments while a witness will point to Jesus.
- Music: [Only Jesus](#) by Casting Crowns