



First Days: “First days” are a rare thing indeed! We will welcome Ian McConnell and family to the Fabric community for their first Sunday with us and hear from Ian about who he is, about his default posture in his work as a pastor and leader, and a little bit about what excites Ian about Fabric in this new era of life woven deeply. Whether you’ve been in this for the long haul or are just beginning to tug at threads of curiosity about Fabric, this is a great “first day” to come together and connect.

WELCOME

Life, for adults and kids alike, is most fulfilling when it is woven deeply with the strands of your full self, others, and that third strand that is bigger, beyond, around and within us all that you may or may not know as God.

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 Check our podcast fabricmpls.podbean.com

WHAT TO EXPECT

We’re glad you’re here!

Music with Chris Tripolino and the Fabric Band

Welcome & Say Hi (Kids can head out!)

Message – Ian McConnell

Connecting with and supporting Fabric

Song & Closing

Let’s Celebrate with Ian!

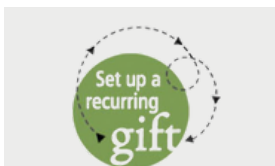


What’s Happening for Kids Today? Kids will dig into how we can help to create a space that helps both kids and grown-ups feel warmth, connection, and belonging! Join your families in the Commons at 10:30 for some music and centering. Listen for an invitation to join your friends in the gym or media center for about 40 minutes of thinking big combined with a big dose of fun! More at fabricmpls.com/kids-current

COMING UP AND MORE



Next Sunday - Probing Curiosity: Curiosity about newbies is only natural! As Fabric, we attempt to brave uncertainty by asking better questions. We’ll spend some time talking about curiosity as a default posture toward new people and experiences, and have an opportunity to pose questions to Ian in an open Q&R (question and response) session as we get to know each other better, and as we reiterate our commitment to embracing the messiness of life. Come with your questions, and hopefully we’ll all leave with more, even better ones!



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Where we are and the story of our land matters. Most of us live in, and we gather in land that was part of the Dakota people for centuries, but from which they were forcibly and dishonorably removed by the US government. It is an honor and a responsibility for us to live on and care for this land today.

Good advice for a moment of eternal, existential crisis:

Those who are talking DON'T KNOW

And those who know AREN'T TALKING (🧠)

Richard Rohr, on the road map toward American Christianity:

What Jesus & early “church” offered in Israel & Palestine was an EXPERIENCE

When it moved to Greece, it became a PHILOSOPHY

Then it moved to Rome and Constantinople and became ORGANIZED RELIGION

Then it spread to Europe and became a CULTURE

Finally, it moved to North America and became a BUSINESS

MY RELATIONSHIP TO CHRISTIANITY AS...

what makes sense? where do you see yourself? what makes you cringe?

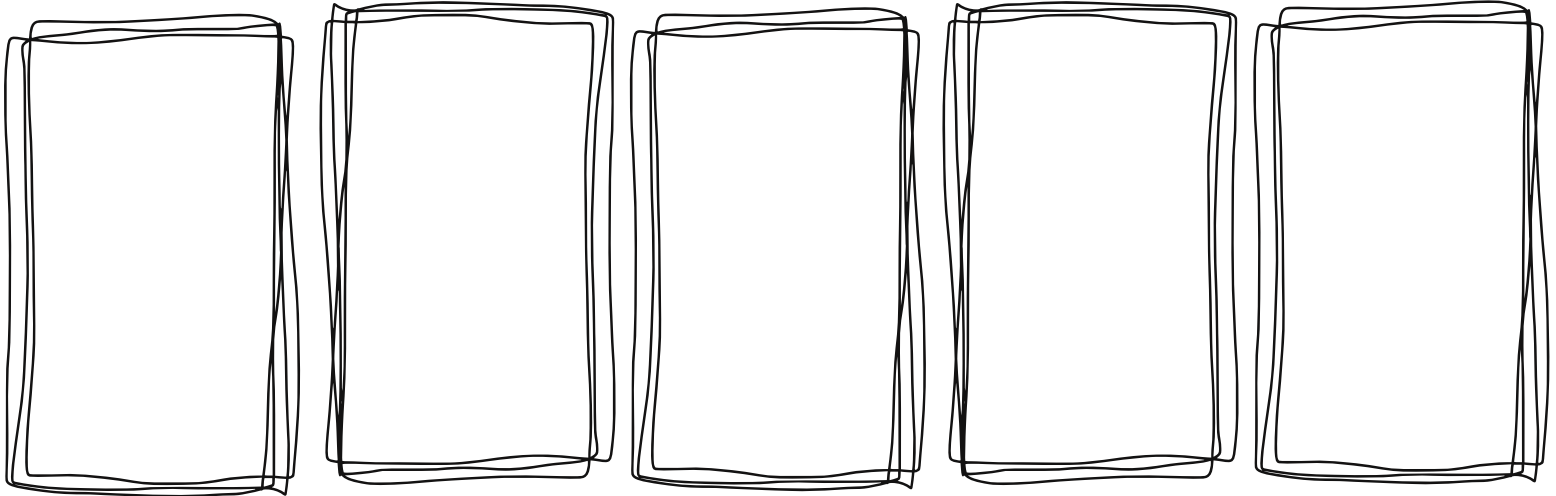
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ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: WHAT'S MY COMFORT LEVEL IN TALKIN' "GOD"?

it's not linear, but this paper doesn't do 3 dimensions very well...

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"God who?"

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Oh, I had coffee with them this morning

HOMEWORK: Pause for a few minutes a few times this week to consider what it would mean for *you* to experience abundant life... life lived to the fullest... *liberation*. If you can afford yourself the time, write it down or talk about it with a trusted friend!

R.O.A.M.

ROAM (Read, Observe, Apply, Meditate) through Jesus trying to describe his purpose to the crowd around him and religious leaders of his time (John 10: 1-21). How do you recognize safety and belonging being presented in these analogies, as all three strands are woven in relationship with one another?



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