



Purposes & Preferences and the good deal. Who isn't looking for a good deal? The question is how do you decide if it is? Your preferences are likely to show you why you thought it was or not. And checking the purpose your preference serves will shed light on whether it actually is as good or bad a deal as you thought. Exploring your purposes and preferences is not only key to your life personally, but to our life together as Fabric.

Dare to look? You only have to gain if you do. Now that's a good deal!

WELCOME!

Life, for adults and kids alike, is most fulfilling when it is woven deeply with others and that mysterious element we often call the third strand, or "God." Learn more about Fabric at www.FabricMpls.com

Got Babies? Hang out with them in The Nest (Media Center) and watch the livestream to stay connected.

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're glad you're here!

Take a seat and get comfortable.

Music led by George Bergh & Friends
Welcome, Say Hi! & some more music

Message-Greg Meyer

Connecting with & supporting Fabric

More music & closing thoughts

FABRIC KIDS



Hop on the road as we navigate through the green lights, speed bumps, and detours of life.

Just before the message, kids will be invited to head out to join leaders for their own time of exploring, playing, and wrestling with the big ideas of the morning!

NEXT SUNDAY



Purposes & Preferences and closing doors.

Leaving the door open doesn't only let in a draft, it lets in people. People who bring in support, ideas, talents,

and friendship with them. More at

fabricmpls.com/current



Your presence, listening, questions and hopes are needed on November 5.

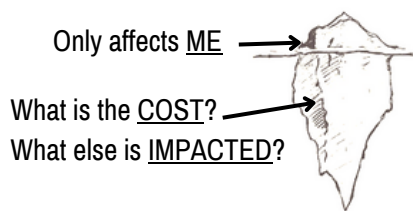
Facilitated by Lindsay Walz, this will be a time for our community to share and synthesize reflections from the sabbatical and explore what's next for Fabric. RSVP and learn more at fabricmpls.com/sabbatical.



Updated Fabric Mpls Annual Financial Summary - August 31, 2022 marked the end of the 2021/22 fiscal year. As we continue to navigate COVID, we are pleased to report that we ended the fiscal year in very good shape. Our 2022/23 budget includes bright spots and strategic investments as well as areas we need to monitor closely. Pick up a copy of the summary at the welcome table, or visit fabricmpls.com/financial-update.

Preferences are THE WAY YOU LIKE things to be.

The Preferences Iceberg



Purposes are THE WHY behind your preferences. *They serve as a grounding or foundation for your preferences.*

We think our preferences will give us a good deal but it is the purposes behind them that will determine whether we get a good deal or not.

Ungrounded preferences are a PROBLEM.

Grounding Preferences in Purposes is a major theme in the Bible and all sacred traditions.

Matthew's Gospel strings four stories together that sharpen this focus.

- Matthew 19.16-30 *The story of the rich young man.*
- 20.1-16 *The parable of the workers in the vineyard.*
- 20.17-19 *Jesus tells of his arrest, mistreatment, and death.*
- 20.20-28 *Two disciples seek power in Jesus' kingdom.*

"The world plays this game, I know. But we don't. Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant. And whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. Just like I came, not to be served, but to serve..." Jesus, Matthew 20.25-28

2 Words to remember about how we tend to choose our preferences:

SHORT-TERM:

SHORT-SIGHTED:

To be part of the kingdom of God is to be LONG-TERM and LONG-SIGHTED.

HOW THIS PURPOSE BEFORE PREFERENCE FITS INTO FABRIC'S CORE CONCEPTS:

#1: You are FABRIC.

When we are all Fabric there is a powerful and dynamic RECIPROCITY going on.

You are here for me, and I am here for you. We aren't consumers but parts of Fabric.

The crux of being Fabric is realizing that when you aren't here, something is MISSING.

You are someone else's someone else.

HOMEWORK: Let "I am Fabric" be your mantra this week. It's not intended to convince you to sign up for anything, but to help you feel the possibility present in how important you are to this community that you may feel is so important to you.

Some Preferences to Consider