



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. As well as needs, opinions, ideas, agendas, and expectations. Closing the door can control that, but aren't you glad the door wasn't closed when you first came? It's easy to prefer the comfort of a closed door, but is control your purpose? At home, at work, in your neighborhood, at Fabric? Let's talk.

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. The Nest is also available for drop off (6mos-3yrs).

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're glad you're here! Take a seat and get comfortable. Oh, and get vaccinated!

Music by Chris Tripolino & the Fabric Band
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. More at fabricmpls.com/fall.

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 short cuts. There is support that tends and sustains us for that long haul work that doesn't depend on our personalities

and preferences. Let's look for this together and practice being it!

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 on your Communication Card or go to fabricmpls.com/sabbatical to register and learn more.



Simpls Fundraiser - All funds raised Nov 1-30 go to the scholarship fund for youth trips and camps. Young people leaving the nest and building community together can be a life changing experience. Let's make sure it's accessible to everyone. Share the fundraiser with local friends and family. We earn up to 35% of all sales! *Shop online at Simpls.com using fundraiser code FABRIC.*

Human beings will do almost anything to avoid FEELING PAIN.

Will you let that drive the preferences of your life? Or will purposes do it?

Preferences are HOW YOU LIKE THINGS TO BE.

Purposes are WHAT REALLY MATTERS. The WHY behind what you want.

People have a preference for closing doors.

But your purposes know that -

- LIFE & GROWTH are not found behind closed doors.
- and that while your preferences tend to be about YOU, your purposes tend to be about US.

We UNDERestimate the energy required to maintain control, keep the status quo, and be comfortable.

And we OVERestimate the energy required to let go.

The idea that life is meant to be lived with open doors is at the core of the Bible and Jesus' message.

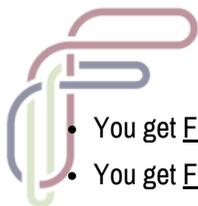
Then little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."
Matthew 19.13-14

"Come to me if you are worn out and carrying more than you can handle. I will give you rest. Take my yoke – my way of dealing with the world - and see how it works; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul. My yoke, it's easier. My burden, it's lighter."
Jesus, Matthew 11.28-30

Closing doors, from the inside to keep them sealed, so the world cannot get you, and to preserve what you already have, is not only harder, it is how you make a TOMB.

What does our Preference for Closing Doors have to do with Fabric?

Fabric Core Commitment: Fabric is mostly made up of PEOPLE WHO AREN'T HERE YET.



"I am here today to ask you to give your church away."

- You get FULL by serving yourself. Achieving your PREFERENCES.
- You get FULFILLED by serving others. Seeking your PURPOSES.

"For those who want to preserve their life [preferences] will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake [purposes] will find it."

Jesus, Matthew 16.25

HOMEWORK: What doors are you holding shut that feel too risky to open up? What might give you the courage and ability to deal with what is on the otherside?



2022 Autogiving Check-In: The fall is a good time to reflect on how we each help Fabric remain strong and grow to include those who aren't a part of our community yet through our intentional involvement, serving, and financial giving. As part of this reflection, we're asking everyone to check in on their automated giving or to take the plunge to begin autogiving. Please complete the online check-in form using the QR code to the left, or email your plans to katy@fabricmpls.com. More at fabricmpls.com/autogiving.