

Fabric MPLS

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Purposes & Preferences and short cuts. It's great to find the gadgets, life hacks, paradigms, and people that make life work. You can handle things on your own then, and it's easier and more fun! Until it isn't and you can't. There is some life work only you can do but you can't do it on your own. There is support that tends and sustains you for that long haul work that doesn't depend on our personalities and preferences. Let's look for this together and practice being it!

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

Is today your first visit? Welcome! Come say hi and choose a gift at the ? table after the gathering.

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.

- Music by Chris Tripolino & the Fabric Band
- Welcome, Say Hi, & Kids leave for their own Fabric experience
- Message-Melissa Lock
- Connecting with & supporting Fabric
- More music, closing thoughts and kids return to join their families.

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 keeping it tidy. If Jesus stood for anything it was pulling us together and bridging our divides, not building upon them.

But that's messy.

This is one you and Fabric need to keep checking in on. More at fabricmpls.com/current



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*.



Week 3: Purposes & Preferences and short cuts

Shortcut: a quicker, easier way to get to an end result.

News flash: People prefer QUICKER AND EASIER. Another news flash: Quicker and easier AREN'T ALWAYS BETTER.

One of the places we use and settle for shortcuts is SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS.

People with whom you can: SHARE what matters. Give and receive CARE. Build TRUST. Expect to GROW

Preferences tend to look for shortcuts. Purposes are LONG HAUL commitments. Long Haul: a way of living that keeps drawing you back to something bigger than your problems and greater than your appetites.

What do you long for?

Fabric, at our best, is a LONG HAUL SHORTCUT TO significant relationships. Israel's 40-year journey...



Shortcuts grounded in long haul purposes don't seek to BYPASS PAIN.

They seek to TRANSFORM IT by creating spaces for healing and growth - GROWTH ZONES!

- The TOOLS are PERSPECTIVES, PEOPLE and PRACTICE.
- The ENERGY and CAPACITY come from our 3-STRANDED CONNECTION.
- Our containers where this happens are the THREE BOWLS.

COMFORT ZONE DANGER ZONE

PERSPECTIVES

PRACTICES

Big Bowl: Fabric GATHERED - Where I am INSPIRED

With the power of shared EXPERIENCES and LANGUAGE.

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." -Ludwig Wittgenstein

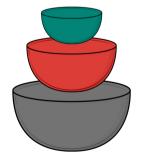
Small Bowl: ME - Where I PRACTICE

The Fabric doesn't ask you to CHANGE WHO YOU ARE. It is where you can BE WHO YOU ARE.

Middle Bowl: Fabric GROUPS - Where I INTEGRATE

You need LONG HAUL relationships with people who are also practicing LONG HAUL living

Share, care, trust, grow. Even when it's PAINFUL.



"I came, I came to, I came to believe..."



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.