

MILE ONE MISSION

GOSPEL CHURCHES FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



Kilbride Community Church

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens – Jesus the Son of God – let us hold fast to our confession.”

September 29, 2021

When you feel inadequate, I AM completely adequate

This past Sunday was hard. I went through a spiritual rollercoaster unlike anything I have yet to experience in my church planting journey. In a lot of ways, I felt completely inadequate at doing what God called me to do.

Not only was I was wracked full of jealousy, but in my mind, I was playing the comparison game and, in a lot of ways, Satan capitalized on it like it was no one's business.

James reminds us in his letter to the *Dispersion* that we are to “consider it a great joy...whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.”

We also know that Jesus tells us to pray that we might not be led into temptation, it's not because temptation in and of itself is bad (because temptation can be used to strengthen us and depend on God more), but that we wouldn't actually give into our temptation, doubt God's faithfulness and do the very thing that He's asked us not to do (i.e. sin).

But, for the most part, sin and temptation and testing is what James homes in on in chapter 1 of his letter.

When James talks about testing, he's talking about the external pressures of the faith that happen *outside* of us whereas, when he mentions temptations, these are the things arise *internally* because of the external pressures.

Whether it's an external pressure or an internal temptation, we must run to God and constantly remind ourselves that both can, and will, produce a spiritual endurance that we otherwise didn't have.

This past Sunday I came face to face with some difficult external circumstances that boiled up into internal temptations.

And, if I'm going to be honest, I failed with miserably.

Yet God is gracious and can use any circumstance for His glory and His purposes. Looking back however, I am starting to see why God allowed me to experience a difficult circumstance...because now I'm better equipped to handle it when it happens again. And it's also a gentle reminder that we need Him – this side of eternity we will always struggle with temptation and sin and, yet Christ is the answer for it all.

When we struggle, He's the answer.

When we stumble, He's the answer.

When we are overcome with guilt, He's the answer.

And this is why we can run to Him over and over and over again. Because where we fail, He was victorious.

When I felt at my most inadequate, God stepped in and reminded me that He's more than adequate during any trial, temptation, or difficult circumstance.

This is the love of the Father towards His children.

[John 10:11-21](#)

One of the things that I think we all struggle with is this idea of love or, better yet, what it means to be



loved. Where do you turn for answers anyhow? The world tells you one thing, tv the next, social media has its own spin on love and, well, sin twists love in all sorts of ways.

And I'd be willing to go so far to say that each of us are tempted more than we care to admit with looking for love in all the wrong places.

Therefore John 10:11-21 is so refreshing. In these 10 verses we see a deep, intimate, reciprocal, and eternal love that the Good Shepherd has with His flock.

Because the Good Shepherd loves His flock, He will die for them sacrificially, because the Good Shepherd loves His flock, He knows them completely and because the Good Shepherd loves His flock, He will save them powerfully.

This is who the Good Shepherd is, and this is what the Good Shepherd does.

Instead of looking to the world to define 'love,' let us look to Christ to reveal what true love actually is.

Here's a link to our service on September 26, 2021: [click here](#)

Testimony Videos

When you sit down and really think about it...God is super creative. There's only one way to the Father, but how He chooses to save us can be as creative as the days are long. I, for one, am looking forward to hearing all the countless testimonies from saints long gone on how God saved them and how they put their faith in Jesus Christ.

Check out the testimony video from Mile One's very own, Kurtis Rodgers: [click here](#).

Praying through the Psalms

Feel free to check out our weekly psalms devotional: [Psalm 34 with Matt Lahey](#) or [Psalm 35 with Adam Diamond](#)

Building relationships

I love watching the Lord work and answer prayer. Over the last three weeks, I've been burdened to pray for my neighbours and to have an opportunity to talk with them or meet them. In the last two weeks, I've watched the Lord open 3 doors! With ours (and their) busy schedules, it's been more challenging than expected.

We even had the chance to go to a bbq with one couple on a beach not too far from us.

And this is so key.

Building relationships is integral to church planting. Yes, sure, our desire to see everyone coming to saving faith in Christ, but in our reality, and contextually speaking, this will be a much slower process. Although I'm a big fan of telling people the Gospel, sometimes it's much more received when a relationship has been established.

Outreach

The KCC team is gearing up and planning for several exciting outreach initiatives in the next two months. On October 31st, KCC will have it's third annual Trunk or Treat. Basically, we decorate our cars, pop the trunk and fill them with candy.



It's a fun way for kids to experience "trick or treating" in a safe manner and it adds a different touch to the normal grind. Every year we dress up our big, blue van like Cookie Monster from Sesame Street. Needless to say, we'll probably do it again this year but we may change it up.

We use this as an opportunity to invite parents and families to church services and any Christmas events that we have in the works.

One of the other ideas that we are working through is getting to know local businesses more. We are trying to do everything we can within the confines of our neighbourhood and communities.

Prayer Requests

Join with us in prayer.

1. Pray that God would continue opening doors into our community
2. That the KCC team would constantly lean upon God and His timing
3. For the Holy Spirit to continue moving throughout our neighbourhood awakening hearts and souls of their need for Jesus