

A TIME OF WORSHIP, LAMENT, AND REMEMBRANCE

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE — MAY 10

OPEN

This past Sunday, Pastor Curtis lead us in a time of worship, lament, and remembrance as our church community grieves the sudden passing of our founding pastor, Darrin Patrick. Curtis ended his sermon acknowledge that Darrin, along with his wife Amie, sacrificed and gave for the planting of The Journey. To his own admission, he was a complicated man, who ministry produced both fruit and pain. Still, our faithful God used him and we stand on his feeble, fallible, and shaking shoulders. Pastor Curtis challenged us to continue running the race given to us for God's glory.

DISCUSS

1. We come to this conversation today with a wide-range of thoughts and emotions based on our experience of The Journey and Darrin. Let's take a few minutes going around and sharing how you are coming into our time together. Is there a particular memory of Darrin or a message from him that has come to your mind these last several days?
2. Pastor Curtis gave us several exhortations as we reflect on the impact of Darrin's life and death on our church—grieve the loss, establish a legacy, steward our lives, and seek the Lord. Which of these resonates most with you right now? What does that look like for you specifically?
3. In this sermon, Pastor Curtis not only made space for us to remember Darrin, but invited us into a broader vision of how the Lord has used and continues to use our church—full of fallen, fallible, and complicated men and women. What from this vision brings hope to you or renews a passion in you for the church and its mission?

PRAY

Pray for the Lord to comfort the Patrick family (Amie, Glory, Grace, Drew, and Lanie) in their pain and confusion. Pray for the Spirit to encourage and protect Pastor Curtis as he has faithful led us through such a difficult year. Pray that we would all experience a deeper sense that we are God's beloved sons and daughters.