ST.ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



LIVING IN THE IN-BETWEEN



JOHN 5:1-16 + EZEKIEL 46:9-10



SLACK TIDE; WEEK THREE

We are in our third week of "Slack Tide"

Chap's sermon spoke straight to how we all place our faith/trust in something, and the only true faith/trust that heals, saves and transforms is faith/trust in Jesus, fully, unfiltered, and unconditionally.

Full abandonment of ourselves into the arms of our savior!

- What are your high and lows for this week?
- Read Ezekiel 46:9-10 + John 5:1-16
- Why is this happening in the text and what does it mean?
- What specifically stands out to you about this scripture?

"When the people of the land come before the Lord at the appointed festivals, whoever enters by the north gate to worship is to go out the south gate; and whoever enters by the south gate is to go out the north gate. No one is to return through the gate by which they entered, but each is to go out the opposite gate. 10 The prince is to be among them, going in when they go in and going out when they go out. 11 At the feasts and the appointed festivals, the grain offering is to be an ephah with a bull, an ephah with a ram, and with the lambs as much as he pleases, along with a hin of oil for each ephah. - Ezekiel

When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. - John

DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP

- Reading Ezekiel 46:9-10 (see above), when you approach God (at church, a small group, Bible study, or any other "devotional or religious" activity), what would it mean for you to "go another way" as you leave that experience?
- Considering John 5:1-16, what is one thing your politics, use of time/money, a compulsion, and the like – that you are prone to "trusting" to bring you a sense of comfort, being "right," power, or meaning? (as the man was looking to "get into the pool").
- If Jesus were to physically approach you today, what would his statement to you be regarding your life (as in, "pick up your mat and walk")? And reflecting on that, what would be your response? What would it take to deepen and empower your rejecting your way of living and His?