



Pursuing a Brighter Future in Ministry
January-February 2022

Jan 23: Full Body Scan

Icebreaker:

Have you had any interesting airport security incidents? If so, explain.

Message Bible Text:

Romans 12:3-8

Discussion Questions:

1. What positive and negative benefits have you seen happen with the church since the COVID pandemic started?
2. What are some relationship stories in the Bible that you are drawn to? (Mary – Martha, David – Jonathan)
3. How have changes in our culture impacted our connectedness?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Hebrews 10:25, Genesis 2:18, Revelation 22:17

Discussion Questions:

1. How do we increase the participation of those who attend First Reformed Church for the future? ("20 percent of people do 80 percent of the work")
2. What is keeping the other 80 percent from getting involved?

3. In what ways could you mentor or encourage others to get involved? Specifically in our church.
4. How can we actively make our church more welcoming for guests or others in the church?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Don't waste a good virus. How have you taken steps to better your relationship with Christ because of COVID?
- Tim Keller: The fact that Jesus had to die for me, humbled me out of my pride. The fact that Jesus was glad to die for me, assured me out of my fear.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Give thanks to God for the sacrificial members of our church who give so much for all of us.
- Pray that we will all find the part we are called to play.
- Pray for where First Reformed is called to go.
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Memory Verse:

Hebrews 10:25: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.