

# Journey Enews

## Weekly E-News May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

**Dates to Remember:**  
Tuesday Night's Men's Group will resume with our new book "A Life Beyond Amazing" by Dr. David Jeremiah May 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 7 PM @ Starbucks in Georgetown.

Interested in joining a small group? Ask Bobby, Bryan, or our Elders about J-Groups!

We are in need of volunteers/teachers in our Kid Connect rooms. If you are interested, see Bryan!

The best way to tell about events in our lives and in years past is through stories. The Bible is FULL of wonderful stories that relate to us. Join us this weekend at Journey as we continue our series called "RE", where we will look at some well-known stories in the Old Testament!

Journey Church  
Service Times:  
Saturday @ 6 PM  
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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### No Lines, No Wait!

My military experience ruined me forever. Everywhere we went and everything we did during basic training was in large groups. Often as many as five hundred soldiers were herded into an area to wait. It was always the same: "hurry up and wait." When I was discharged from my military service, I knew that from then on, long lines and waiting were not for me.

Right now I am traveling through an airport and the security check-in line were barely moving. Once I finally made it past the scanners and gathered all my personal items again, I felt so inconvenienced being put through such a long delay.

As I sat down next to a Starbucks to reboot my attitude, I watched the line back up outside the store. I've been sitting here now for thirty minutes and it's not getting any better. People leave and people come and the line is still about where it was before. What is it about lines and waiting that sets us off? Maybe your pet peeve is long lines at the bank or backed up lines of cars during your daily commute.

As I was thinking about all of this I was reminded of some other places I've been stuck in lines - like concerts and conferences. Waiting to get into the parking lot or waiting in line for a restroom; waiting, waiting, and more waiting. As pleasant as greeters and ushers try to be when you arrive, it can still get frustrating.

This makes me think that small churches everywhere are missing out on a great marketing strategy. I've heard all the reasons why bigger is better in consumer land and even the church world. I haven't heard people talk much about why small might be better.

Small churches never have enough money, enough volunteers, enough time, enough guests who are looking for small churches. Maybe we should emphasize to our potential visitors that we have no lines and no wait time. You'll be met and greeted and served like the king and queen of your own country.

I'm just saying, plenty of seating and service and kindness and generosity are nothing to scoff at. Now that I think about it, the average church size in America today is still only about eighty people. Maybe we should be boasting about our unique ability to be fast and nimble and make room for everyone.

What if we looked at the small size of churches in America as a marvelous opportunity? If you happen to be in one of these smaller congregations, don't shy away from inviting your friends because of the smallness. They just might appreciate the intimacy and personal touch of a small service; a place you could really belong and feel like family.

Tell your friends to try a small church again if they've been looking for a break from waiting in lines. Just saying.

Moving forward  
God is Good

*Bobby D.*

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