

Bay City Wesleyan Church
May 2, 2021

=====
Sunday Morning 05-02-2021
LOST IN THE CHAOS
<http://bible.com/events/48691046>
=====

[Image]
<https://imageproxy.youversionapi.com/320x320/https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/mushroom-event-images-prod/5722009-1594517508392.jpg>

Champions of Hope
New here? Click on the link below to find out how to join our church's Facebook group -- Champions of Hope.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/infusinghope>

Online Giving with Tithe.ly
Please, set up your account at Tithe.ly or download the Tithe.ly app for your phone. Follow the directions given at the website or in the app. Once you've set up your account with Tithe.ly, click on the link to worship Jesus by giving to his church. If you'd prefer to mail a check to the church, our address is---Bay City Wesleyan Church 506 W North Union Street Bay City MI 48706
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1331999>

Lost in the Chaos

We've lost our way. The last 12 months were lost for students, families, weddings, holidays, positive relationships. Lives were lost to disease and injustice. It feels like we're lost in the wilderness with no compass. Let's find the way through all this stress and anxiety by trusting Jesus.

Revelation 19:6-10 NIV
<small>6</small> Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. <small>7</small> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. <small>8</small> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) <small>9</small> Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God." <small>10</small> At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."
<https://bible.com/bible/111/rev.19.6-10.NIV>

Psalms 147:1-11 NIV

1</small> Praise the Lord . How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

2</small> The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. 3</small> He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 4</small> He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. 5</small> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. 6</small> The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. 7</small> Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. 8</small> He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. 9</small> He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. 10</small> His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; 11</small> the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/psa.147.1-11.NIV>

We're all feeling the effects of ... one of the most non-normal, always changing, unpredictable years in our lifetime.
Citation: Keith Webb, email correspondence

Acts 1:8 NIV

8</small> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<https://acts.bible/acts-1-8>

How do we discern what's next?

Acts 16:6-10 NIV

6</small> Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7</small> When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8</small> So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9</small> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10</small> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/act.16.6-10.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

You can't steer a parked car and Jesus won't.

1. Listening: Attending to God, one another, and our neighborhoods

2. Discerning: Discovering where the Spirit is inviting us to join with God in our neighborhoods
3. Testing: Engaging simple actions to join with God in the neighborhood
4. Reflection: Gathering to ask, "What did we do? What are we learning? Where did we see God at work?"
5. Deciding: Determining what are the new ways we will now join with God in the neighborhood

Citation: Alan J. Roxburgh, *Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World* (pp. 80-81). Church Publishing Inc. Kindle Edition.