

# Mid-Week Meetings

As things begin to open up and we are able to do things together again, the staff at Broadway have been asking questions about why we do things when and the way we do them. We have been dreaming about how to do the things we do better and better. When it comes to Wednesday nights, often we have many times created an experience that was basically Sunday morning 2.0. I love Sunday mornings, and that has been great for me, but for most people, there was not sufficient desire for that experience to entice them to actually turn up. We consistently have less than 25% of the people attending Sunday morning attend Wednesday night classes.

In light of this, and in an effort to be constantly making improvement in achieving our mission of helping each of us to transformed more fully and completely into the image of Jesus Christ we have decided to take this opportunity to **experiment** with our mid-week offerings too see if we could find things that work more effectively at encouraging people to follow Jesus. We are trying a number of different things. We know some of these will fail, but even in the failures we learn new things that we hope will help us to be more effective in participating with God in achieving our mission of the transformation of each person into the image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10; Rom. 8:29).

We realize that doing things this way will increase the amount of effort needed on your part. You will have to put more effort into knowing, when, what, where, and who will be the target group for a meeting. We would beg your pardon and ask for your grace as we conduct these experiments. Our desire is to do better at helping all of us to follow Jesus more fully. In light of this we will try to communicate often, in more places, and more clearly. Some events will be for everyone, and when this is the case we will clearly indicate this. Some events will have children's classes, some will have nursery options, some will not be child friendly, some will not have nursery or children's options, some will be targeted for families, some for children, some for adults and some for the entire community of believers. We will seek to learn and assess each event. Some will be on nights other than Wednesday night (hence the title mid-week events), some, such as the youth, and college group will continue to meet on each Wednesday night. We have also started Let's Start Talking (reading English with non-English Speakers), again on Wednesday nights. There will be other classes such as Financial Peace University running for a season on Wednesday nights.

Perhaps it is the case that you have an idea, or a dream, about something that you believe would help people in their walk of discipleship. This might be your chance to get started, or to test the waters. If you have questions, or need help with an idea that God has placed on your heart, please do not hesitate to contact me, another member of staff, or one of the elders. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Rodney Thomas