into the world around us, including the political world. An evangelicalism defined by the defense of its own rights rather than the dignity and sanctity of every life has lost its way" (Michael Gerson). "The people of light are never more at risk than when they are lured into fighting the darkness with more darkness" (N.T. Wright). Jesus says I send you like sheep among wolves but do not be afraid of them, fear becoming like them. How are you tempted to become like those who resist the way of Jesus?





Don't forget

Mother's day Luncheon Food Sign Up

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Order of Worship 22 April 2018 Forth Sunday of Easter

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music Welcome Call to Worship Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Sermon Series: Fearless
Scripture Reading: Matthew 10.26-33
Sermon Three: Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid

#### We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

# If you are a guest with us today, Please take time to fill out a Connection Card.

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www.tablelifefchurch.org for details of events.

Also you will find, Worship folders, online giving and you can also send prayer request to the prayer chain.

#### **COMING SOON**

April 27-28 Youth Teen Retreat	*****
May 9 Haiti Team Arrives	TBD
May 13 Haitian Mother's Day Sunday Lunch	12:30PM
May 16 Haiti Team Leaves	TBD
May 20 Pentecost Sunday Celebration	11:00AM

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## Sermon Reflection Guide

### Matthew 10.26-31

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

## Question for Everyone

(1) The fear I experience is good; it keeps me safe from danger and helps me make wise decisions. (10) The fear I experience is bad; it causes paralysis and anxiety and keeps me from fulfilling my divine potential. Where are you on this fear range?

## The Funny Thing about Fear

Fear can lead to wisdom and right living if it is defined by a deep respect for our sovereign God's authority to set the boundary lines for our lives. Fear can also lead to anxiety, fretfulness, shame, or just plain crazy behavior if it is rooted in the opinions of others or the irrational. It matters deeply what one fears. It matters deeply what one does when one encounters fear. What kind of fear do you experience most often? Tell a story about a time you were afraid.

### Sent Ones

After giving the Twelve kingdom authority (10.1) as his ambassadors of healing love, Jesus sends them (10.5). To learn the way of Jesus implies a willingness to be sent as ambassadors. All Christians are ambassadors, emissaries, attaches, representatives of the Lord King Most High Ruler of the Universe. Implications? How might the language of ambassadorship help us understand what it means to be Christian? What do ambassadors do? How does this apply to being a Christian?

## **Travel Lightly**

I know that not everyone who follows Jesus is called to an itinerate ministry traveling and begging for food as they preach the Gospel. What does it mean to travel lightly as follower of Jesus (vv. 9,10)? In what ways are all Christians called to be itinerants (traveling from place to place)?

## **Apostolic Vocation**

When one places one's faith in Jesus, whether you know it or not, you have accepted an apostolic vocation or the "sent life." There are, therefore, no more important questions for discernment than: Has God sent me here or am I to be elsewhere? Having been sent to this place how am I to serve as the emissary of Christ?

## **Proper Fear**

While we have no need to fear being actually persecuted for our faith in Christ, there is something more sinister that we should fear. "You can't advance a vision of liberation by oppressing the conscience of others. You can't advance a vision of human dignity by dehumanizing others. You can't advance a vision of peace with violent and demeaning language. This involves an entirely different view of power — power for the sake of the powerless. It involves a different definition of influence — bringing a modicum of grace and justice