Worship Series: Be

Be: Loved (1.6.2025)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Isaiah 43:1-7

- 1. What does it mean to you to be called "beloved" by God? How does this shape the way you see yourself and others?
- 2. Reflect on a time when you felt unconditionally loved. How did that experience impact you?
- 3. How might embracing your belovedness encourage you to take bold steps in your faith or life?
- 4. In Luke 3:22, God says to Jesus, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you, I am well pleased." How does this declaration speak to your own identity as a child of God?
- 5. Isaiah 43 reminds us, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you." What fears or doubts can you release, knowing God calls you by name?
- 6. How can the recognition of your belovedness inspire acts of justice, generosity, or kindness in your community?
- 7. John the Baptist showed humility by pointing to Jesus instead of seeking recognition for himself. What areas of your life invite you to show humility in leadership or service?
- 8. What practices or habits help you stay connected to your identity as beloved? How can you incorporate these into your daily life?
- 9. Baptism is both a personal and communal act. How can the reminder of your baptism (or its meaning) shape the way you engage with your faith community?

Be: Ready (1.13.2025)

John 2:1-11

- 1. When have you felt unprepared to step into something you felt called to do? How did you respond?
- 2. How might willingness to act, even when we feel inadequate, open the door for God to work in our lives?
- 3. The miracle at Cana is about transformation—water into wine. What are some "water" moments in your life that God has transformed into "wine"?
- 4. How can we position ourselves to be more open to God's transformative work in our everyday lives?
- 5. Mary's faith in Jesus' timing is a central part of this story. How do you navigate trusting God when God's timing doesn't align with yours?
- 6. What might it look like to live out Mary's instruction: "Do whatever He tells you"?
- 7. The servants had to act in faith, filling jars with water, not knowing how the miracle would unfold. What is an area of your life where you're being called to take a step of faith?
- 8. Have you ever experienced God working through what seemed like an ordinary task? What did you learn from it?

- 9. This miracle happened in the context of a celebration. How can we invite God into our moments of joy and celebration, not just our struggles?
- 10. How does this story challenge us to think about God's generosity and abundance?

Be: Bold (1.20.2025)

Luke 4:14-21

- 1. What does boldness in faith look like in your life? How is it different from courage? Are there areas where you feel ready to act boldly but haven't taken the next step? What's holding you back?
- 2. What breaks your heart when you look at the world through the lens of God's kingdom? How can you let that drive your actions? How do you reconcile the idea of equity and liberation with the privileges or comforts you may have?
- 3. Jesus declared his mission to bring good news to the poor, release the prisoners, and liberate the oppressed. How can you align your actions with this mission in practical ways? In what ways can you embody the boldness of Jesus in your community?
- 4. How can you practice boldness that is grounded in grace, truth, and love? How might your daily decisions reflect a commitment to God's jubilee—a leveling of systems and the liberation of others?
- 5. How can you encourage others in your faith community to live boldly for the kingdom of God? What collective actions can your group or church take to challenge systems of injustice in your local context?