



Brian McLaren: Why the New Frontier Matters: Past, Present, and Future

Open with Prayer:

God of heaven and earth, we gather in your presence.

Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us.

May we come together in this time of learning and sharing as people of your Spirit.

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have given us.

May we use them to be a source of blessing in your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

Watch Video pausing for discussion

You are welcome to pause the video for discussion as you feel appropriate.

Suggested stopping points are at timestamps 34:08 and 45:26.

The following questions are suggestions for discussion.

If we better understand our past, we won't feel so comfortable

What did you hear about our past that you weren't aware of? How are you impacted by this new knowledge?

What can we do to face our past in order to move into our present and the future?

Our comfort level will decrease even further

What resonates for you in Brian's description of the present state of church? What is troubling?

How can we become the place that young people want to come back to?

If we exercise foresight to see what lies ahead, our sense of comfort will be gone – and replaced with a desire for adventure.

Brian suggests some visions for our possible future. How do these speak to you?

What are your concerns for our future as church? What is your hope?

What sorts of adventures is your church currently on?

With 2000 years of practice, knowing what we know now, what would it be like if we could start all over again?

Close with Prayer:

Good and Gracious God, we ask your Spirit of Truth to be with us as we leave this place of study and prayer. May our joys and hopes follow us and our adventuring continue to enlighten us, bringing us closer to you and to one another. Amen.