

Everyday Faith: Don't Send in the Clones

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Scripture

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
-- Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." -- John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Freedom of Belief: Go and Do Activities

(Pick one to fully commit to this week.)

- Select someone in your everyday life that you would like to know more about. Ask them what they are passionate about and why. Spend at least 15 minutes listening and asking questions designed to get a deeper understanding about them.
- Pick a weekend and attend a worship service somewhere else (mosque, synagogue, Catholic mass, another Christian service different from ours).
- Do research on the reasons the number of people who claim no religious affiliation is growing.
- Ask a young adult why so many young adults do not belong to a church. Ask a young adult to tell you what issues matter the most to them.

Discussion Starters

- How is diversity of thought a strength? For our church? In our everyday lives?
- What can you gain from exploring someone else's beliefs that are different from your own?
- What are the biggest challenges of working in a place where people hold many different beliefs?

Note from David

Source material about the early church from *The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus* by Robin Meyers.

For more discussion material, download the Everyday Faith Study Guide at MiddletownChristian.org.



Group Life @ Middletown

If you are interested in taking part in a sermon-based discussion group or other small group, visit middletownchristian.org or contact Tracy Spann, tspann@middletownchristian.org to learn more.

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