

Sermon Title: See where the Lamb is guiding you

- Impact of Stories on Lives:
 - The story of Matthew Perry and the hollowness of achieving fame; questioning the narratives that shape our lives and offer meaning.
- Quest for Fulfillment through Stories:
 - Exploring various narratives promising fulfillment: success, wealth, family, rebellion, and escapism, yet leaving an inner hunger unfulfilled.
- All Saints Sunday: A Glimpse of Completion:
 - Reflections on the vision of the saints in heaven finding ultimate satisfaction, healing, and purpose, guided by the Lamb as their shepherd.
- The Unfinished Tales of Earthly Stories:
 - Contrasting worldly stories with unresolved conclusions, often leading to dissatisfaction or facing mortality without resolution.
- The Hopeful Culmination in the Gospel Story:
 - The significance of the Gospel story offering a more substantial, eternal narrative, inviting a reimagination of life and a shift towards a better, more truthful story.
- Living Out Eternal Narratives:
 - Emphasising the value of living out traits like compassion, forgiveness, justice, and peace, seen as eternal values, contrary to worldly perceptions.

Discussion Points / Points to Ponder

1. **Story Narratives and Personal Goals:** How do the narratives presented in the sermon resonate with personal goals or aspirations? How have worldly narratives influenced your life decisions?
2. **All Saints Vision vs. Earthly Narratives:** Discuss the contrast between the vision of satisfaction and purpose in the All Saints Sunday narrative and the incomplete resolutions of earthly stories. How do these perspectives affect one's view of fulfillment?
3. **Reflections on Gospel Endings:** Consider the ending of the Gospel story compared to the conclusions of other narratives. How does the Gospel narrative offer hope or resolution in contrast to worldly tales?
4. **Shift in Life Narratives:** Reflect on the sermon's invitation to embrace the Gospel story. How might a shift in narratives, from worldly to eternal, impact personal perspectives, decisions, or attitudes toward life?
5. **Living Out Eternal Values:** Explore the significance of living out values like compassion, forgiveness, justice, and peace as eternal traits. How can these values shape individual actions and contribute to a more fulfilling life story?
6. **Invitation to Embrace a New Story:** Discuss the theologian's assertion that evangelism is an invitation to reimagine lives. How might embracing the Gospel narrative offer a more authentic and substantial story compared to worldly narratives?

Alternative Questions:

1. How do the stories shared in the sermon, particularly Matthew Perry's experience, resonate with the narratives that often shape our personal pursuits and goals? How do these stories reflect the human quest for fulfillment?
2. Compare and contrast the allure of worldly narratives promising fulfillment with the eternal story highlighted on All Saints Sunday. How do these narratives address the yearning for completeness and lasting satisfaction?
3. Reflecting on the sermon's analogy of life as a novel, how does the concept of a resolved ending impact our pursuit of different life stories? How does the vision of completion offered on All Saints Sunday resonate with this idea?
4. Discuss the sermon's observation that many worldly stories lead to dissatisfaction or face the reality of mortality without resolution. How does this awareness impact the quest for a more meaningful story?
5. Explore the idea of shifting towards the Gospel narrative as a more substantial and truthful story. How might embracing this narrative alter perspectives on life goals and the pursuit of meaning?
6. Reflect on Jesus' emphasis on the blessedness of those who embody eternal values like compassion, forgiveness, justice, and peace. How can these values guide our pursuit of a more fulfilling life story?