

"On Mission Together"

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director's Calendar

October

- 2 Cluster (Regina)
- 2 SKMB EB Mtg.
- 5 Christian Fellowship Church (Lucky Lake)
- 7 Clusters (Saskatoon, North)
- 8-9 Clusters (South, East)
- 19 Wynyard Gospel Church
- 20-23 EQUIP (Winnipeg)
- 23-24 NFLT Mtgs. (Steinbach)
- 26 Hillside Christian Fellowship Church (Beechy)

November

- 2 -Forest Grove Community Church (Saskatoon)
- 16 Gateway Community Church (Canora)
- 23 West Portal (Saskatoon)
- 30 Hafford Gospel Chapel

Please pray for travelling mercies.

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An Autumn Reset?



Is it time to assess, adjust and revive your discipleship?

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing." Isaiah 43:18 NIV

"Today is a great day to start something new."

Common Proverb

Discipleship (noun) – the state of being a disciple and at the same time a pattern of following Jesus.

German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "Autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature." I resonate in my spirit with his sentiment. As we enter the season of autumn, I am experiencing in my heart a deep yearning to weigh how I am currently living out my discipleship. Too often I take it for granted and simply shuffle along. Healthy discipleship does not happen naturally or automatically, it is a deliberate work of the soul. I am convinced that the most effective disciples are those who take time to ponder what God is up to in their lives. Coupled with that, self-understanding is a vitally important pursuit to engage in for any faithful and fruitful disciple. In his book Soul Care, Rob Reimer writes, "Self-awareness is the gateway to life change." And so, here we are. What follows is an articulation of my thoughts as I've been pondering an autumn discipleship reboot or renewal.

In my mind, a reasonable place to start any dedicated discipleship reset seems to be by looking for some signs of an actual need for it. In my view, here are ten signs that could point to a need for an autumn discipleship reset:

- I'm experiencing a spiritual 'numbness'.
- I'm not practicing the spiritual disciplines.
- I am not balanced when it comes to investing in my work. life, relationships, and my own self-care.
- I have an insufficient diet of Scripture.
- I live life by sight more than by faith.
- I routinely experience either indifference or anxiety.
- I don't have a passion for the Gospel; it is not shaping me to be like Jesus.
- I struggle with my identity in Christ.

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HERE is the one for October



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Blaine Lake: Gateway Youth



Hi! My name is Brendan Schultz, and I am working with Saskatoon Youth for Christ (YFC) to start a youth ministry program in Blaine Lake, which has no active church. Living nearby in Waldheim, I have been aware of the need to reach the youth in Blaine Lake and have been working towards it for several years, slowly making progress but facing many challenges. In my first

summer, I have already experienced God working in amazing ways!

Along with serving at camps, my focus since May has been on doing what is needed to establish a youth ministry program in Blaine Lake. This includes raising financial support, finding a location to run events, and building a team of volunteers. None of these things were in place in May, but God has answered prayer and provided. Through people's generosity, we have raised enough financial support to begin running youth events in Blaine Lake this fall. Blaine Lake's school has enthusiastically welcomed this ministry, going above and beyond to provide a space for us to use, and an overwhelming number of people have committed to serving in a variety of ways.

I have had the opportunity to go to the school at lunch several times already, and we plan to begin running weekly drop-in events on October 9th. These events will include an open gym, board games, arts and crafts, food, prayer, and biblical teaching. We aim to build relationships with these students and present the love and truth of Jesus Christ in our words and actions. We are calling this ministry Gateway Youth because Blaine Lake is the "gateway to the lakes" and because of Jesus' proclamation in John 10:9, where he says, "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."

Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry with their prayers, finances, and commitment to serve! Some specific things you can be praying for in the coming months are that we can begin to build meaningful relationships with the youth in Blaine Lake and that God would provide me with the wisdom needed to run this ministry in a way that glorifies him.

If you are interested in supporting this ministry or would like to know more, please reach out to me at brendan.schultz@yfc.ca.