

Prepare the Way

How comfortable are you “going with the flow” ?

For each of the following, give yourself a score from 1 –10 for how much preparation you prefer.

NO PREPARATION

VERY PREPARED

1

Hosting family or friends in your home

10

Participating in a group project for work or school

Visiting a new location on vacation

Going on a date with someone new

Grocery shopping

Hanging out with friends on the weekend

Going to Church

Installing new program or app on your phone or computer

Putting something together that you bought in a store

First day of school or new job

How do we prepare to do God’s work and when do we just trust God’s guidance?

Dusting Ups and Dust Offs

Think of a time you cut someone out of your life or had them cut you out of theirs. What issues were involved and what was emotionally at stake for each person involved?

How might Jesus' words, "Tell them the Kingdom of God has drawn near" be heard by each person in your scenario? Would they be heard as words of comfort, challenge, hope, or judgment?

How would you explain these words if you went back in time to speak to those in the situation? How would you explain them to your younger self?

How do you know when to set a boundary and when to reconcile?