

feeding . . . gathering . . . carrying . . . leading . (Isaiah 40:11)

February 7, 2012

Dear Church,

On Sunday, Jenn Merrill brought a personal meditation in line with our current homegroup study, the theology of everyday life. Jenn described her own journey of giving more and more of her life to the Lord, seeing it all as an opportunity to honor Him. She highlighted some specific examples from different seasons of life: college, post-college ministry, and current day. To hear the stories, check out the mp3 online.

Jenn concluded with these words from Romans 12:1-2, the Message translation:

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

May you be blessed as you seek to honor the Lord in your ordinary life today.

Peace & Grace,

Ben

<http://www.christourshepherd.org/pastlet.htm> (and follow links to download MP3 audio of sermon)