

Hello SONiC.

You may have noticed that last week I did not send out any Sunday Reflections. Last week during our Facebook Live service, Pastor Tish talked about grief. She referenced an article that had been posted on Harvard Business titled "That Discomfort You're Feeling is Grief." Last week was a week of grieving, and every time I tried to write something to say "it's ok that you're grieving just look at Lamentations, the Bible's model for grief" I just couldn't do it because I could not figure out WHAT I was grieving. I needed that label. As the week progressed and school was cancelled and sports were cancelled and events were cancelled, it became easier for me to grieve. Turns out I was grieving the loss of my "sense" of certainty. I was grieving the loss of control, even though I never really was in control.

This week on Facebook Live we celebrated Palm Sunday. But we learned that Jesus wasn't celebrating. Jesus wept and he said "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!" Pastor listed a number of things that we are leaning on trying to get a sense of peace. Government, scientists, each other... those things won't bring us peace. Don't get me wrong, I am not discrediting scientific advancements, I will celebrate those as they are discovered. I am not speaking out against the government and I appreciate the measures that have been taken for our safety. And I am certainly not discrediting our efforts to keep each other safe. I am just saying that's not where your peace lies just as my peace does not lie in certainty or control. Jesus is where our peace lies. Pick up your cross and follow him.

I hope you "tuned in" for that message this morning. If not, it is available on the church facebook page. I hope you are able to seek Jesus' peace this week.

Don't forget to look out for the zoom links for this weeks meet-ups! I can't wait to see you.

-Beth