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August 24 Pastor Chad Brekke

Title: **The All Better Book**

Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-18

A bunch of children were asked to solve big problems like loneliness. One 8 year old girl said we should get the name and address of all the lonely people and also of all the not lonely people. "When we have an equal amount of each, she said, assign lonely and not lonely people together in the newspaper." Problem solved! Well, it turns out God has been working on this one too, for a long time. Let's talk about God's great idea

August 31 Natalia Terfa

Title: **Two Sides**

Jeremiah 15:19-21, Romans 12:9-18, Matthew 16:21-28

Christian living is hard. Jesus talks about denying ourselves and picking up a cross and following him. Paul writes that we are to live a life of love, and then describes what he thinks that looks like. We can live defensively, or offensively, and both Paul and Jesus speak to the offense. What might a life lived in the offense look like?

(Video: Face Cream Evangelism, already downloaded, on shared drive)

September 7 Pastor Chad Brekke

Title: **Practical Jesus**

Matthew 18:15-20, Romans 13:8-12

For the next two weeks, Jesus will offer some very practical advice and direction concerning forgiving others. He starts with the basics but very quickly moves to forgiveness in the big leagues. We're gonna need two weeks on this topic!

September 14 Chad Brekke

Title: **Impossible Forgiveness**

Genesis 50:15-21, Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus made it clear last week that forgiveness is a defining character trait for those in the church. But there have to be some reasonable limits, right? Maybe not. There is nothing reasonable about the forgiveness we will encounter today. Not a thing. Today we look at forgiveness in the big leagues.

September 21 Natalia Terfa

Title: **It's Radical**

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11, Matthew 20:1-16

There are very few stories that better encapsulate the radical love God has for us than the Jonah text and the Matthew text for today. Jonah preaches history's shortest sermon and an entire city repents - and radical love and grace is shown to the Ninevites. In Matthew, Jesus shares a story of a handful of workers who show up late to the game and still win the day. This is radical stuff and God is still at work today in these same radical ways!

September 28 Confirmation Sunday

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October 5 Pastor Chad Brekke

Title: **Failing The Jesus Quiz**

(Use **Psalm 25:1-9** as the 1st reading), Matthew 21:23-32

The religious experts thought they had trapped Jesus with their question until Jesus answered with a question of his own. They didn't dare answer His question so Jesus gave them a second chance with a new question. This time they slammed down the buzzer because they were positive they had the answer. It turns out that being correct is not always what it's cracked up to be.