

September 23 & 24, 2017

"Why we ask, 'Why Church?'"
Acts 11, 13

Message by Steve Fowler
Worship led by Jeff Brown

Music:

Holy, Holy, Holy	Oh, Our Lord	Come to the Altar
Cornerstone	Called Me Higher	

I thought that I could do it on my own, by retiring to my room and reading theology, and I wouldn't go to the churches. . . But as I went on I saw the great merit of it. I came up against different people of quite different outlooks and different education, and then gradually my conceit just began peeling off. I realized that the hymns (which were just sixth-rate music) were, nevertheless, being sung with devotion and benefit by an old saint in elastic-side boots in the opposite pew, and then you realize that you aren't fit to clean those boots. It gets you out of your solitary conceit. C.S. Lewis

There has been an emphasis on learning about God propositionally versus personally.

Up to the age of 30 poetry of many kinds gave me great pleasure. Even as a schoolboy I took intense delight of Shakespeare, especially in a historical sense. Even pictures have given me a considerable delight. Music has given me a very great delight. But now for many years I cannot delight in reading a single line of poetry. I've tried to read Shakespeare but have found it so intolerably dull that it nauseated me. I've also lost almost all taste for pictures and music. I've retained some taste for fine scenery, but it does not cause me the exquisite delight that it formally did. My mind it seems has become some kind of machine for grinding out general laws from a large collection of facts. But why this should have caused the atrophy of that part of the brain alone on which the higher tastes depends I cannot conceive. The loss of these tastes is the loss of happiness and may possibly be injurious to the intellect and more possibly damaging to the moral character by enfeebling the emotional part of our nature.

There is fear and skepticism about Holy Spirit.

There is little power.

There is much silence about Jesus.

There are fewer willing to leave everything behind and go.

Be a Word and Spirit Christian.

Ask for Holy Spirit power and authority.

Share your story.

Be ready and willing to go.