

WHEN EVERYTHING'S ON FIRE

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The House of Love || Pastor Brian Zahnd || November 21, 2021

1. What was your childhood home (or homes) like when you were growing up?

2. Who in your life besides God has shown you unconditional love?

Read John 14:1-3

3. Why is the place prepared for us by Jesus not permanently in heaven? (See Revelation 21:1-4)

4. How does our world work to create “houses” of fear, hate, and violence?

5. What does it take to move from the house of fear into the house of love?

6. Pastor Brian talked about 12 aspects of the church he dreams about. He said, I dream of a church:

- that is a house of love, a city of refuge, a shelter from the storm.
- that is a pioneer in the way of peace and never again a chaplain to the masters of war.
- that excels in contemplative practices and contemplative stances.
- that is at home in God’s good world instead of huddled anxiously at the departure gate.
- in which faith and science are not at odds.
- that is conservative because wisdom traditions worth preserving.
- that is progressive because the journey is ongoing.
- that is a viable alternative to soulless secularism.
- in which my grandchildren’s grandchildren learn to love and follow Jesus.
- that may still be the early church.
- of the distant future will kindly forgive our faults, for we too are people of our time.
- in the distant future using technology I can’t imagine, but still practicing sacraments I immediately recognize.

Which of these challenges you? Which of these inspire you?

7. What do you imagine the church of the future will look like?

8. What can you do to be a part of a “shelter from the storm” for others?