

**Family Ties Process of  Discipleship & Discernment**



Find past sermons, as well as the Side by Side presentation by Bill White and “A Marriage Hermeneutic” by Kevin Doi on Evergreen’s [YouTube Channel](#). You can also find many of these links and additional resources on [Evergreen’s Resource website](#).

The Board and Staff would like to make sure that this time of discernment is a time where in addition to listening, everyone has the opportunity to be heard. In order to facilitate this process we are presenting the following listening times: (Pastor Jason is available to join any group listening times where he is requested)

- **Small Group Visits:** 2 Board members and 1 Pastor Staff member will be visiting each Evergreen small group during the month of August. This will be a time for your small group members to be able to ask any questions, share how the sermon series has been for them, and for the Board and Staff members to listen. Your small group leader(s) will be contacted to set up a time.
- **Listening Spaces:** We recognize that not everyone is a part of a small group. In order to allow those that are not a part of a small group to interact with the Board and Pastoral Staff, we will have listening spaces via zoom. Those in a small group are invited to attend as well. To sign up for one of the times below, [please click on this link](#).
  - August 9th at 8:30-10:00am
  - August 22nd at 9:00-10:30am

- **Ministry Specific Visits:** The Diaconate Board will visit with specific ministry groups as coordinated with pastoral leaders during regular ministry meeting times or separate times dedicated to listening.
  - Wednesday, July 29 at 7:30 PM: Young Adult Listening Space
  - Saturday, August 8 at 8:00 AM: Men's Ministry Breakfast
  - Sunday, August 9 at 11:00 AM: The Open Door
  
- **Coffee with Melvin:** Former Evergreen pastor, Melvin Fujikawa, has been working with Evergreen as an advisor through this process and to provide pastoral care for The Open Door. As a widowed gay Asian American pastor and licensed spiritual director, he brings unique intersectionality to our process with a strong love for our church family (and the spiritual gifts of Mercy and Healing). A spiritual direction appointment can help discern God's voice in your life through reflection and prayer. Set up a time with Melvin for spiritual direction or to just chat by emailing [melvin@ebcla.org](mailto:melvin@ebcla.org).
  
- **Office Hours with Pastor Jason:** email [info@ebcla.org](mailto:info@ebcla.org) to set up a time to meet with Pastor Jason.
  
- **One-on-One meeting with a Board Member:** Several Board members are available to meet individually with people. Email them to set up a time:
  - Mika Walton - [mika.walton@gmail.com](mailto:mika.walton@gmail.com)
  - Win Lam - [winlam@me.com](mailto:winlam@me.com)
  - Marian Sunabe - [jandmsunabe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jandmsunabe@sbcglobal.net)
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