

Our next drive-in communion service will be Sunday, July 26. In order to make sure we have enough room please RSVP [here](#). Our normal service will be online as well.

This summer the Men's ministry is reading, "*The Unhurried Life... Following Jesus' Rhythms of Work and Rest*," by Alan Fadling. Listed below is a set of questions to reflect on. I want to encourage you to read and talk about the book with a few other men. All the questions for each week will be posted on the website.

### **Chapter 3 – Productivity: Unhurried Isn't Lazy**

#### **A thought from the chapter:**

"Unhurry and laziness are not equivalents. Jesus was unhurried, but he was not lazy. He was engaged, hardworking, purposeful and conscientious."

"There is, of course, an unhurry that is unholy. While there is the waiting to which God invites us, there is another kind of waiting that is our resistance to God's invitation. Delay in responding to clear counsel from God is not the kind of unhurry I'm recommending... Being unhurried does not at all mean being unresponsive to divine nudges. Being unhurried enables us to notice those nudges and to respond."

"Acedia (*apathy for life*) tempts us to abandon the life we have for some imagined better option somewhere else – as in "anywhere but here"! acedia can also be the temptation to live our lives in imagined fantasies of what might be rather than living in the gift of what is. Though it may seem unhurried from a certain perspective, acedia is rooted in a restless, distracted and, yes, hurried life."

#### **Questions to Reflect on:**

- What are some key thoughts from the chapter that impacted you?
- What were the key passages of scripture from this chapter that captured your heart?
- Explain how this book's message about unhurriedness could tempt you to justify places of laziness in your thinking, your intentions, or your way of life and work?
- In what aspects of your life is acedia a struggle or temptation?
- In what ways has the temptation to overwork as means of trying to establish a confident sense of identity become a place of disconnection from fruitful communion with the God?