



## JANUARY 2

# WANDER LESS

### INTRODUCTION

In "Wander Less," the first sermon of 2022, Pastor Jesse encourages us to both reflect on 2021 and anticipate all God has planned for us in the upcoming year.

### DISCUSSION

1. Tell of a time you found yourself wandering. Through a forest...New York City...around a college campus...through a mall. What did you experience?
2. Reflect on 2021. On a scale of 1-10, how tired are you?
3. Pastor Jesse mentioned a few structures God put in place for us to know Him: church, marriage, family/friends, community. Which structure has been most helpful to you this year? Have any been crippling instead of helpful?
4. In his encouragement to us to anticipate 2022, Pastor Jesse says, "You aren't meant to wander forever, just like grain isn't meant to be planted forever." What did this statement mean to you?

### TAKE ACTION

1. With the above statement in mind, consider Jesus' words from John 12:24 (AMP), "I assure you...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone [just one grain, never more]. But if it dies, it produces much grain and yields a harvest."
2. Pray this prayer: Dear Lord, please show me anything I need to surrender, let die or that's keeping me from blooming and producing fruit for you.
3. Pastor Jesse said, "Jesus' antidote for wandering is a community on mission with Him." If you've been in a season of wandering, learn how you could connect and invest in your community and God's mission to save the "harassed and helpless."

### RESOURCES

1. Not sure how you can do anything for God? Take the test! [Sacred Pathways](#) by Gary Thomas is an easy read and helps explain your giftedness based on how God wired you.
2. Questioning how you could possibly fit anything else into your already overflowing schedule? [Gettin' \(un\)Busy: 5 Steps to Kill Busyness and Live with Purpose, Productivity and Peace](#) by Garland Vance was named by Forbes as "one of the books everyone on your team should read."
3. What if it's hard to know what God even wants from you? [Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God is Speaking](#) by Priscilla Schirer will help you learn how to pray through God's desire for you.