

Making the Leap  
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Well, I have finally done it. I have signed up for a Twitter Account.

Not that I really know what I am doing. But I have signed up. If any of you are on Twitter and want to follow my tweets, you can search for me by name.

I am not sure what I am going to do with this. I guess my hope is to find ways to stay connected with people. My hope is to find ways to help people use all of this remarkable technology that is at our finger tips, to not only stay connected with each other, but to figure out how we can encourage each other to connect with God and live for God.

Recently, when I mentioned something about Twitter and Facebook in a worship service, by the time I returned to my office, following the service, I already had two text messages on my phone about something in the service. I also had two e-mails (sent from a smart phone by someone in the worship service) asking a question about the sermon at my computer also. Within a day, I had received another two e-mails asking a question of the scripture that I used during the weekend.

I was delightfully surprised to receive feedback and questions in this way. It was encouraging and exciting to me. I saw the possibilities on that weekend, about how we can help each other learn and grow in the faith through this technology.

It strikes me that we live in a world where we want to be connected with each other. Being connected with each other can actually help deepen our connection with God. A long time ago a church leader (St. Augustine) said, "Our hearts are restless, until they rest in (God)." He understood that we yearn to be connected to God and to others.

Are you looking for a connection with others? Are you hoping to connect/reconnect with God? If so, what are you willing to do to open yourself up to God? What are you willing to do to open yourself up to others, both people you know and people you may not know?

I offer you a prayer that has touched me this past week. It comes from a devotional book that I use. It goes like this;

Almighty God, through the power of your Holy Spirit you enable us to do and be more than we can think or imagine. Come now, dwell within us, and make us strong to do your work and will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May we be willing to trust God, to reconnect with God and others as we try new ventures.

In the hope Jesus offers us,  
*Rev. Scott Carlson*

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