

Week Beginning: 9th February 2020

Worship Series: #2 in series **TAKE-OFF**
... the next stage of living the vision begins



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Theme Verse

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Remember This Week

Whatever excess baggage you are carrying around, Jesus invites you to check it through to its final destination. He has already paid for it so you are free to use both hands to receive the love, the life and the blessings he has for you. For Jesus knows that you will love fullest, travel fastest and live lightest when you drop off all your baggage to him.

Acts 2:38



**Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.**

Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.

Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Proverbs 4:25-27

God of grace, your Son Jesus took the baggage of our sin and carried it all the way to the cross, so that we could journey forward with a freedom and peace we have never experienced before. Give us courage to check-in all we have so that we can travel lightly on the next leg of our journey to our heavenly home. Help us to be burden bearers for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



1. *Share your highs and lows since you last met with one another.*
2. *Share how you went with your living purposefully from last time?*
3. *When it comes to packing for a trip, do you pack and unpack many times before heading to the airport, or do you pack at the last minute? Why do you think that is?*
4. *What things have you inadvertently left in your carry-on when going through security that you have been pulled up for?*
5. *How regular are you when it comes to Checking-In with God in your life? Are you a frequent flyer, a few trips a year, or somewhere in between? Explain.*

For many, the airport Check-in is the most stressful part of the journey. Making sure your bags are not overweight. Ensuring the right tag and right destination are placed on your bags before they head off on the conveyor belt. Knowing what you have to check-in and what you can carry-on. Remembering to remove any prohibited items. Having the right documentation for the destination you are journeying to. All so you can get your Boarding Pass to get on the right plane. Whether we realise it or not, most of us carry excess baggage – it's not just physical, but emotional, relational and spiritual. Baggage that trips us up, wears us out and boxes us in and makes us anxious about the journey on which we embark. Today Jesus invites us to 'Check in' all of our baggage at the counter of his grace and receive a boarding pass that will lead to places we never imagined. We hope you're packed and ready to go!

Read Luke 10:1-4

6. *What key words/phrases stand out or speak to you in this text? Share.*
7. *What can we gather about the nature of the mission journey we are called to from these four short verses?*
8. *As a Church, what excess baggage do we need to remove from our suitcase of faith that may be slowing down our journey? Discuss.*





9. *Re-read Luke 10:1-4 in the Message Translation (www.biblegateway.com). Why does Jesus tell us to take nothing for our journey?*
10. *God promises that he will provide for us when we go on the journey he is sending us on. How have you experienced God providing for your needs when you have gone where he has sent you?*

Read Acts 2:22-39

11. *What can we learn from Peter's proclamation of the Gospel in v.36?*
12. *What baggage do those in the audience have?*
13. *Why do we find it hard today to invite people to check-in their baggage?*
14. *To repent, is to check-in all your baggage that you are holding onto so that your hands are free to receive the gift of God's forgiveness. What do these verses tell us about baggage? Read Psalm 32:2-4; Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28-30 for further encouragement.*
15. *Jesus sends us out on his mission together. One of the reasons is so we can help and support each other? Who has been a burden bearer for you in life and who are you getting alongside so that you can share their burdens?*

Baggage comes in different shapes and sizes; while some are easy to carry, some are incredibly heavy to lift and cumbersome to drag for long distances. Baggage in and of itself, is something we carry that isn't a part of us but it is with us. It may contain things that we need for our everyday lives, and we feel it's important for our lives—so we carry it. But it can be a personal or a relational problem, spiritual or emotional baggage that we have picked up along the way.

16. *What baggage have you picked up and are carrying around that should not be a part of your journey?*
17. *What stops you from checking that in with Christ? Share.*
18. *How can your LifeGroup help you offload your baggage or travel with you when you believe God is calling you to go?*
19. *Where is God calling you or what is he calling you to do in the next year as his disciple Share it.*

- * Praise God for paying the price of our excess baggage with his Son Jesus. Thank Jesus for doing everything so that we can check-in all our baggage with confidence. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you travel lightly, with both hands ready to receive his blessing.
- * Pray for our Church that as we prepare to launch Vision2030: Beyond Limits that God will lead, direct and protect us on the journey and that we would be a people who are living, sharing and growing in his way and having an ever expanding witness in the world.
- * for hearts of trust to go where Christ sends us.
- * for boldness to invite people to check-in their baggage with Jesus and journey forward with freedom.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians. 3:20-21

Turn to the person next to you and make the sign of the cross on the palm of their hand or forehead as you say:

Name, you are free in Jesus. travel lightly with him. Amen.

