



## ***Imagine All the People***

**November 7, 2021**

*Matthew 11:11-19*

### Connect:

- Broadway's Action Team 6 is tasked with creating an *Imaginarium* – simply put, a place devoted to the imagination. If we are created in God's image (*the root word of imagination*) then our own imaginations should be a gift of God. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
- Some people say of themselves: "*I have a wild imagination.*" What do they mean? What do you perceive to be the role of imagination in the human experience?

### Engage

- Read ***Matthew 11:11-19***. Jesus seems a little frustrated in this passage. He's come off of a very busy season of ministry and his cousin, John the Baptist, has now been imprisoned for his role and connection to Jesus. John actually sends his crew to Jesus asking, "*Are you really the one we've been waiting for Jesus, or should we keep waiting?*" Jesus turns to the crowd here and says, "*You're not happy with John because you think he isolated himself from everyone and was weird. You're not happy with me because you think I hang out with the wrong people and have no morals.*" How do you think Jesus felt in this moment? Do you blame the people for their feelings about John and Jesus? How would you react?
- Jesus says he's been trying to tell people what's up but they don't have ears to hear. Do we have ears to hear what Jesus is trying to say to us today? Discuss.
- When it comes to our church, what voices do you think are least heard? Should we be a place where all voices are heard? What would that look like in action?
- How has your view of Church and its role in your life shifted during the pandemic? How do you imagine the place of Church has shifted for others? How might any of these revelations help shape our future direction at Broadway?

### Next Steps:

- See your life with fresh eyes this week. Start with your family as if seeing them for the first time. Open yourself to their story and ask them to tell one of their favorite memories again (*or challenge them to tell you a story they don't think you know about them!*). Look at your work this way; your church; your friends and the places you hang out. How would you respond differently in those places with those people if you felt God sent you there? How might you imagine a faithful future with those places and those people?

### Pray:

- "*Created in your image and your imagination, God, we stand humbled to have that same gift of imagination in us. Open our spirits wide that we might have ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts that never give up. Help us love as you love. Amen.*"