

Guest Article

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

This past Sunday I took some of our teens to see the movie "Wonder." If you aren't familiar with it, it's about a boy named Auggie with a facial deformity who goes to school for the first time and tries to fit in. Since it's a new movie, I'll stick to information that is in the trailer so that I don't ruin anything. Let me just say, this movie is amazing and everyone needs to go see it! It was a perfect movie for young teens who are in school to see. It shows the perspective of a kid who is excessively bullied and how it affects every aspect of his life.

The theme of the movie revolves around a quote which says, "You can't blend in when you were born to stand out." Is this not what we are called to do as Christians? When Jesus was on Earth, did he blend in? Absolutely not, he stuck out like a sore thumb! Everyone knew exactly who he was whenever he was around. His reputation preceded him. If we actually live our lives like the Bible says we should and stand out

from the rest of the world, what will happen? Like Auggie, you most likely won't be accepted by most people. You will cause waves. People will talk about you. It will be extremely hard! If it were easy to do, Jesus wouldn't have had to die on the cross because we wouldn't need it.

We are called to make a difference. We are called to be different. We are called to stand out. This time of the year it's easy to stand out a little. It's easy to think about your blessings and be thankful for what you have been blessed with. I challenge you to extend that mindset beyond the holidays. Adopt that mindset into your everyday lives. Be different.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..."
Romans 12:2a

In Christian love,
Alex Ross

All Things for Christ,
Michael