

# TALK IT OVER

A Place to Belong – A Place to Become

## BOTTOM LINE

It doesn't matter who you are, what you believe, or what you've done.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

If you could interview anyone in history past or present (except Jesus), who would it be? Why?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily:  
[newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [What Is the Future of the Church?](#) by Andy Stanley (6 min.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand – shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-18 MSG*

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 NIV*

*"Too many people simply 'go to church' instead of being the church."*

*"Two thirds of the commands of Scripture cannot be lived out in isolation. Two thirds of what Jesus calls us to requires us to be in relationship."*

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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How do you recognize the difference between going to church and being the church? How important do you think it is to belong in order to become? Share some of your history and story with belonging and becoming. Jesus said He would build His church. The New Testament vision for the church is that everyone is KNOWN, NEEDED, and BEING TRANSFORMED. What is happening when each one of those goals are being met? Is there an area where you feel you need some attention? How are you helping those goals be realized for others? What does this transformation look like? There is no greater investment in life than investing with your family in the local church. If you have invested in the NewPointe mission, how has it impacted your family and life? How do you know when you are truly following Jesus, not just believing in Him?

## ACTION STEP

In gratitude to Jesus and His church, I will invest my life in building His church. NewPointe is my place to belong and become. I will seek to be known, to serve, and to continue the transformation. I will be an active part of helping others belong and become. \_\_\_\_\_