

TALK IT OVER

Near & Far – Part 1

BOTTOM LINE

You and I are the Church.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one goal you personally have for this summer? home, work, family, fun, or personal?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Serving](#) - 3 minutes with Craig Groeschel

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.
Matthew 16:18 NIV

Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. 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 5:13-16 MSG

“Jesus announced that He came to serve, not to be served, then He called us to have the same attitude.”

“There is no other investment that is greater or more rewarding than in the life of the church. This is the epicenter of God’s activity in the world and our community.”

“All that we enjoy through NewPointe did not happen through people who were not busy. It happened through people who understood that they are the Church.” – Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Jesus called His followers Ekklesia, the called-out ones. What does that mean for us? How do you know when a local church is not just a group of people but a movement? Through the Holy Spirit, God has given each of us gifts to serve Him and the world. What gift/gifts do you believe God has given you? Paul says using our gifts is “faithfully stewarding God’s grace.” What does that mean? I am supposed to be doing in my community what Jesus did in the neighborhood when He was on earth. What would it mean for you to be doing that? What do you think holds people back from engaging in service through the local church? What has held you back? How have you seen God change communities through the Church? How do you think your community has benefitted because of NewPointe? How can we help now? Who first invited you to church and when? How has it changed your life forever? Who might be waiting for you to invite them and find their life changed forever? What has been the most fulfilling way you have served? How could you serve in this season?

ACTION STEP

I will fulfill the desire of Jesus by engaging in the work of the Church. I will INVITE _____. I will SERVE in this area: _____