



What's it all FOR?

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Bottom Line: Love is what we **want** to be known for, but is it what we **are** known for?

Icebreaker: Commercials are how companies communicate what they want to be known for. What's one of your favorite commercials? What's one of the most compelling commercials you have seen?

Key Verse: *The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace.* Acts 20:24 NCV

"What do we want to be known FOR?" is our vision. It's the organization's big idea. It's their niche; their foothold in the marketplace. This big question is the one that the organization answers. The customer answers the question, "What are we actually known for?" This answer is the customers' experience of the vision, answered by whether or not they are experiencing the purpose and vision of the organization. The answers to these two questions must match if effective growth is going to happen. This is true for businesses and the Church. When there is a compelling vision that is actually happening, the customers become the best free advertising available. Jesus wants us to be known for loving as He has loved us. We communicate His love through **showing, serving, sharing, and sacrifice**. Lacking any one of these components gives an incomplete and inadequate message. This mission is not only attractive to the world, it also gives our own lives meaning. Here at NewPointe, our mission is "to (inspire) people to realize and reach their full potential in Jesus Christ." This means that at NewPointe we are for **THE ONE**: We are FOR **people**, not buildings. We are not for filling stadiums, but for changing communities. We are FOR **individual** people at NewPointe. We are actively seeking to help them discover their potential in Christ and find great fulfillment in reaching it. **THE WORLD**: We are FOR our **communities**, serving effectively through dedicated and loving ministry partners. We are FOR **the ends of the earth**, joining other ministries to make certain every single person hears the message of Jesus. We are FOR **eternity**. Everyone lives forever somewhere, and we want our influence to echo throughout eternity. What we live for doesn't end when this life is over. This work is what we want to be known FOR, but is it **WHAT** we are known FOR? When we close the gap between our desire and the perception, we will see truly amazing things. The responsibility falls on each of us. Not only one person. If you're looking for a church that has a good Sunday service only, you're in the wrong church. We want to see life change. Bring on the hopeless, the defeated, the downtrodden, the addict. We want you to know that there is hope.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What was the most significant part of Sunday's message to you?

Jesus: *"I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail..."* (Matthew 16:18). It's HIS Church and HE will build it. He gets to decide what it will be known for. Where at NewPointe do you see us becoming known for Jesus' priorities? Where can we improve?

Jesus says we fulfill the mission by **SHOWING** His love the way He has shown it to us. What are practical ways we show the way He loves?

SERVING shows I am for people. God is working in the world and wants me to join Him. This is called my mission. My ministry is my service to believers in the body of Christ; my mission is my service to unbelievers in the world. My life mission is both shared and specific. One part of it is a responsibility I share with every other Christian, and the other part is an assignment unique to me. I am sent to the world as a representative of Christ. Reflect. How well am I doing? Share.

LOOK IT OVER <<<

SHARING is speaking to others about God and introducing them to Jesus. It is a tremendous honor and a profound responsibility to speak for God. I can only do it effectively when I am also serving and showing. God holds me responsible for this. We have the greatest news in the world and sharing it is the greatest kindness I can show to anyone. One problem long-term Christians have is they forget how hopeless it felt to be without Christ. Discuss how this should impact my daily life. How **IS** it impacting me?

SACRIFICING happens when I am urgent about the mission. It will impact the eternal destiny of others, so it is more important than any job, achievement, or goal I'll reach during my life on earth. Nothing else I do will ever matter as much as helping people establish an eternal relationship with God. What would need to change about my life for this to be what I am known for? How can I help NewPointe be known for this kind of love?

NEXT STEPS

1. Pray daily to have wisdom, courage, and self-control to actively pursue being known FOR your love and sacrifice for people.
2. Set a tangible and specific goal for working on the mission this summer.
3. Identify and share the specific assignment God has given you.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

Prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** at newpointe.org/daily:

Monday: Acts 20:24

Tuesday: Acts 1:8

Wednesday: 1 Peter 2:9-10

Thursday: Acts 4:12

Friday: Luke 6:40

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)