



Hope in Action

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Bottom Line: “I will build my church.” – Jesus

Icebreaker: Besides the Bible, what’s a book that has most influenced you in life? What was it about the book that made it so memorable?

Key Verse: “Whoever accepts you accepts me, and whoever accepts me accepts the Father.” John 13:20
The church belongs to Jesus! He gives the directions, calls the shots, and is in charge. It is our privilege to the representatives of the founder and leader of the greatest idea the world has ever know, the Church. When we are Jesus to others:

We are welcome and are welcomers. Jesus has welcomed everyone into his Kingdom, and he has given us that role to play as well. People are hurting and lives need to be changed. We must be a place that welcomes everyone. As we invite and welcome people in, we will see God absolutely change and transform our communities.

We are chosen. God has given all of us gifts and talents to use for him to see lives transformed. Every person has a gift, and every task is important. You can do something that no one else can do quite like you.

We are changed. When everyone comes on the weekends, we all come with our own baggage and pain, story and secrets. But when each of us connects with Jesus and accepts his forgiveness and receive him as Lord of our life something supernatural begins. When we commit to realize and reach our full potential in Christ, we fully surrender and submit to his ways, we grow with others in small groups—lives are changed! It eventually spreads to the whole community!

God wants to use us! He has entrusted us with his unstoppable mission! This is the one thing on earth outside of our families that is worth of the gift of all our lives and all our talents. New Pointe is a place where everyone is needed, because all of us have gifts to serve and love all the people for whom Jesus died. Jesus is building his church!

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from the message?

When did you start attending New Pointe? Who welcomed you? How did you feel?

Have you ever not felt welcomed somewhere? How did that feel? What could have changed it?

God has chosen you and gifted you to bear fruit. How has He gifted you?

God has given you a talent, and if you are not using it, there are things on this campus that are not getting done because you are not stepping up to the plate and using that gift in the context of the local church. Reflect and discuss.

Every person is a 10 somewhere. Where are you a 10? Have you found your spot to serve effectively with your #10 gift? Are you willing to serve wherever needed, even if it's not your sweet spot? Why or why not?

LOOK IT OVER >>>

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well” (Ralph Waldo Emerson). How does this sound like Jesus? What’s the difference Jesus would add?

“Welcome, chosen, changed”—that’s the three-part testimony of a person who comes to Jesus, and then that is what we get to help happen for others. How are you giving your life to this mission?

We believe the local church is the hope of the world, living and teaching the truth of Jesus Christ. Do YOU believe that? Explain what it means to you.

Who are you inviting to Friends Day? What can you do to make the invitation compelling?

Other people are inviting their friends as well. How can you team up to be part of the supernatural things happening?

NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Thank God for the ones who welcomed you into the family of God.
- 2) Invite at least one person to Friends Day and make it as attractive as possible to say yes.
- 3) Pray every day for your friend.

EVALUTION/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

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

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

Monday: Matthew 9:36-38

Tuesday: Romans 1:16

Wednesday: Isaiah 52:7

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 5:20

Friday: Romans 10:14

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)