



## TALK IT OVER

The Way Back

### BOTTOM LINE

The church is the hope of the world.

### CONVERSATION STARTER

What was a low for you this past week? What was a high?

### 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)
- [Reclaiming the Irresistibility of the Early Church](#) by Andy Stanley

### KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*“These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also...”* Acts 17:6 NRSV

*All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.* Acts 2:44-47 NIV

Until the church as a whole is chasing dreams that are impossible without God, we are always going to be retreating.

“Your ability to resist temptation is directly proportional to your submission to God.” – Ed Cole

Commitment still leaves us in control, deciding according to our own agendas when or where we’ll serve Jesus. Submission means we yield to the will of Christ and do what He tells us to do day in and day out, *altering* our lives in obedience to Him and His Word.

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What do you believe the average non-Christian’s perception is of the church in general? What evidence do you have for that?

The people who first turned the world upside down were known for surrender, Scripture, submission, service, sacrifice, simplicity, and suffering. How do these qualities make an irresistible impact?

Discuss: “Nothing can destroy Christianity if we live like Christians.” – A. W. Tozer

### ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will work with God for life transformation to be salt and light in my relationships.

My Action Step: \_\_\_\_\_