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Week 7
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Bottom Line: We are committed to pursuing three vital relationships that will keep us from religion and give us a vibrant relationship with Jesus: Connect with God, connect with others, connect others to God.

Icebreaker: Who specifically connected you with God? When? Who is helping you grow now?

Key Verse: *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."* Matthew 22:37-40

God has done so much for and through NewPointe. Our history shows that God can and will do the impossible when we trust and obey Him. We are one church, in many locations. We leverage technology so that while we grow larger, we can also grow smaller. Each campus has a pastor who doesn't need to prepare a weekly message but can spend his time getting into the community and building people. It's all about relationship. Jesus said there are two things that are more valuable in life than anything else: loving God and loving people. God put you here on earth to do those two things. Life is not about acquisition, accomplishment, or achievement. It's not about all the things the world tells you it's about. That's why NewPointe is committed to connecting you to three vital relationships: First, **Connect with God**. Nothing is more important than pursuing a relationship with God. If that is not your first priority, everything else will be negatively impacted. Jesus said that when this is in place, we impact the world and bear fruit. Apart from it we can produce nothing of value. **Connect with others**. It's dangerous to do life alone. God wired us to need each other. Community is vital for spiritual growth. He made us to grow from others and others to grow from us. Community doesn't happen by accident. It requires commitment, time, patience, humility, and old-fashioned hard work. But it is one of the best uses we can make of our time. One clear trend is that believers who are part of community tend to walk closely with God throughout their lives. Those who are isolated from community tend to make more and bigger mistakes and are far more likely to give up on their faith. God designed you for community. **Connect others to God**. We believe everyone lives forever somewhere. God has designed and desired that all of us spend eternity with Him in heaven and right here on earth too. So we want to build relational bridges with others that are strong enough to bear the weight of truth. God put you on earth for this purpose. If you spend your life without fulfilling your mission, it's a gigantic waste. We show our gratitude to God for the grace He has given us by extending that grace to others. Join the cause! Fulfill the mission!

THINK IT OVER >>>

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

In ancient times, God's people would build monuments made from stones, rocks, or wood. They would call one an Ebenezer. It was a monument or memorial of how God assisted or delivered them at some point in their past. But it wasn't a monument to the past; it was a monument to God's power. It wasn't used as a way to remember the 'good ol' days'; it was a reminder of what God can do when you trust Him to lead. Share an Ebenezer from your history at NewPointe.

Why is it important to grow larger and smaller at the same time?

The health of your relationships will likely have the biggest impact on where your life is headed. Reflect and discuss.

God gave you 70 to 100 years here so you can learn to love Him wholly and learn to love others. Life is one giant lesson in love. How are you learning?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Our lives can only be productive if we continually pursue a relationship with God as the number-one priority. How do you pursue God?

Why is it dangerous to do life alone?

How does worshipping in community help you personally?

When God says He wants everyone to experience eternal life, He refers to both quantity and quality. Discuss; explain.

How do we build relational bridges strong enough to bear the weight of truth?

Connecting others to God is sharing with them the good news of God's grace. How are you attempting to do that?

Do you know someone who needs to know that it's okay to not be okay?

NEXT STEPS

1. Think of three people you will invite for Easter who need the message of grace.
2. Pick up a yard sign and share it.
3. Check in on your relationship with God and your relationships with other believers and make sure you are strong.

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: John 15:12

Tuesday: John 15:4-5

Wednesday: 1 John 1:3

Thursday: Romans 15:5-6

Friday: Acts 20:24

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)