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**WHAT MOVES US IS A
SERIES ABOUT THE
VISION OF NORTH POINTE
COMMUNITY CHURCH TO
LEAD PEOPLE INTO REAL
HOPE, NEW LIFE AND
LASTING PURPOSE**

REAL HOPE

This week we started a new series called “What Moves Us” where we will be looking at the vision and mission of North Pointe “To bring Real Hope, New Life and Lasting Purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ.” This week Pastor Michael Voll spoke on Real Hope where he outlines three different types of hope we can have. Wishful Hope, Expectant Hope or Real Hope which can only be found if we anchor our lives to Christ.

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MY STORY

1. When was a time you were really hopeful? How did it turn out?

2. How would you define hope? Is it different than how our world would define it? If so how is it different?

3. Which of the three type of hope do you more relate to? Wishful, Expectant or Real Hope?

4. Read Hebrews 11:1. What is something you are hoping for but see no evidence of yet?

DIGGING DEEPER

Jesus came to bringing real hope to the hopeless. We know that we will all experience difficult and painful times. We can live hoping the future will be better. But we often place our hope in the wrong things.

1. Read Psalm 62. What stands out to you in terms of hope?

2. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt all hope was gone? To get through it, who/what do you find yourself relying on most or where do you naturally look for answers and solutions?

3. In Job 30:24-27, Job says he hoped for good, but evil came instead. Yet, his faith in God never wavered. Why do you think this was? How would you have responded?

4. Would you say you are a hopeful person? How have your experiences shaped your outlook?

5. Without censoring your answer, fill in: If only _____ would happen, everything would be okay. What does that tell you about where your hope is?

6. Read Hebrews 11:1-3. What is the relationship in this passage between faith in God and hope?

TAKING IT HOME

1. This weekend we learned that Real Hope only come through Jesus. How is Christ's resurrection and God's grace impacting your life on a daily basis? How can we live more aware of the hope we have in Jesus?

2. How do you share the basic gospel message with another person? Why? How can we be more effective in sharing God's message of hope with others?

3. Think through the people you regularly see during any given week. What are some ways you could share the hope of the kingdom of God with them? Write a few of those down and then pray for opportunities to share the reason we have hope in Jesus Christ.

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NEW LIFE

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This week Pastor Michael continued in the second week of our Series “What Moves Us” talking about New Life. He shared that often people will look for life in people, places or things but the reality is New Life can only be found in Jesus Christ, but you can’t truly experience this life unless you understand your need for New Life. He outlined that in order to receive the New Life that only comes through Jesus we must:

1. **Believe** that we are loved and accepted by God.
2. **Admit** and acknowledge our sin and brokenness.
3. **Commit** the rest of our life to Jesus.

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MY STORY

Pastor Michael challenged to learn to share our stories of New Life. If you have found new life in Jesus, what is your story, or testimony of coming to faith? If you are not a Christian, share a little bit of your life story.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is something that stood out to you about this weeks message?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. The promise that God will make you new is for anyone that is in Christ, no matter who you are, where you are from, or what you have done, through Christ the old has gone and the new has come. How does that promise make you feel? Why is this promise so important?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. What has God done for us through Jesus Christ? What does reconciliation mean? Why did we need to be reconciled to God?

4. The promise of making us new comes with a new name. Read 1 Peter 2:9, Galatians 4:7, and John 15:15. What do these verses call those connected to Christ? What comes to your mind when you hear these new names?

2. What new life has God brought into your life over the past year?

3. What areas of your life do you need to release to God to make New?

4. What signs of new life to come do you see in your life right now?

PRAYER

LASTING PURPOSE

This was the third week in our series “What Moves Us” where we have been looking the vision of North Pointe to lead people into Real Hope, New Life and Lasting Purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ. This week we focused on Lasting Purpose. Purpose means original intent, the reason something is done, or the reason something was created or exists. You can try your best to find your purpose in life, but it’s always best to go back to the designer, God, to see what the original intent was if you really want to know your purpose. Pastor Michael laid out three responses needed to discover your lasting purpose.

1. Respond to Him in Obedience
2. Respond in Surrender to His Purpose
3. Begin to Serve where you are, right now.

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MY STORY

1. What is something you use in a way that it was not designed for? (Example: a knife as a screwdriver)

2. What stood out to you about this weeks message?

3. Dr. Miles Monroe once said, “The greatest tragedy in life is not dying, but not knowing your purpose.” What are your thoughts about this quote? Do you agree, disagree? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 4:18-22. As you do, imagine yourself to be Peter or Andrew. What do you think they would have been thinking when Jesus called them? What obstacles would they have had to face to follow Jesus? What fears or excitements do you think they would have had? Why do you think they followed Jesus in the first place?

TAKING IT HOME

1. As Pastor Michael shared a large part of our purpose is to use our gifts, talents and abilities to serve God. What are you passionate about or skilled in? How can you use these to serve others? When can you start?

2. Is it hard for you to commit to following God's purpose for your life? Why or why not?

3. How can you begin to follow God's purpose for your life if you don't know what exactly it is?

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OUR MISSION

Jesus himself was the one who set out the mission of the church in Matthew 28 and in turn the mission for us here at North Pointe. Our mission is simple, in everything we do, share the good news of the message of Jesus. Don't hold the message of Jesus in, don't hide it away, don't be stingy with it, share it! And the exciting thing is that God has sent the Holy Spirit to help us in this mission. God will most often use us where we are planted, to share the good news among our families friends neighbours and coworkers.

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MY STORY

1. What was one of the most difficult job, assignments or tasks you have been given? How did you go about accomplishing it?

2. Which of the 4 elements of living wise stand out to you? Which do you find more challenging? Be good at your work, Be true to your word, Be concerned, Be bold.

3. How would you describe the mission of the church?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What do you find uncomfortable or difficult about this passage?

2. What appears to be the main idea emphasized in this passage?

3. Read Matthew 22:35-40. What are the two greatest commandments and why are they so important to live these out as we seek to fulfill the great commission?

4. Read Acts 1:8. What disciple-making component is discussed in the second half of this verse? How can we train people in this aspect of disciple-making?

TAKING IT HOME

1. In what ways can you fulfill the great commission (the mission of the church) in the context of your family, work or community? Is there anything keeping you from fulfilling it?

2. Who are 3 people you can begin to pray that God will give you an opportunity to share Jesus with. Ask God to give you opportunity.

3. How would you articulate the Gospel Message in your own words?

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