

WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE?

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU HERE FOR?

TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL GROUP

- **AVOID TALKING or TEACHING TOO MUCH.** Small groups are designed for everyone to share and grow together.

I Am Called To Serve Jesus

ICEBREAKER

Tell us about a time when you served someone else and you felt fulfilled.

INTRODUCTION

The fourth purpose of my life is God shaped me to serve Him. We use the word “bless” to describe this. You bless God by blessing others. And you bless other people when you serve them. It may be physical assistance. It may be financial assistance. It may be emotional support. It could be relational support. It could be practical support. There are a thousand different ways that you can serve the people around you. Today, we will learn how serving others will impact our own lives.

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We are called to be a blessing. We bless God by worshiping Him. But we also bless Him by blessing others through service. Paul said it this way.

Your faith in the Lord and your service are like a sacrifice offered to Him. And my own blood may have to be poured out with the sacrifice. If this happens, I will be glad and rejoice with you.
Philippians 2:17 (CEV)

Notice that Paul is okay with the heavy sacrifice that serving others causes him. That's because he knows that there is a greater joy to come in Heaven as God will reward every act of service we do for Jesus in our everyday lives.

The way we gain that joy is by first taking the focus off ourselves by serving others. Serving takes the focus off of you. It's helpful to understand that life, it's not all about you. It's about fulfilling your calling to serve others. **You were saved to serve Jesus by serving others.** The moment you became a Christian, God called you to serve.

Do you have a place of service in the church and your world? How can you serve Jesus by serving others each week?

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Serving others brings us incredible joy and it also **improves our relationships**. This may be the most important aspect of being a blessing by serving because this is something we all need.

You see, the root of nearly every relational problem is selfishness. It may be your own selfishness or the other person, or both. There may be other problems along the way, but at the heart of our relationship problems is usually this...someone is more focused on their desires and preferences than the other. How do we cure this problem? Service is the answer! Read how Jesus modeled for us and instructs us to do the same as He did:

"Do as I did: The Son of Man did not come for people to serve Him. He came to serve others and to give His life to save many people."

Matthew 20:28 (ERV)

Last week we learned that we are called to become like Christ. Serving is part of that process. As we become more like Him by serving, we become more like Jesus. In fact a non serving Christian is a contradiction as we are all called to serve others.

What are some practical ways you can serve even when you don't feel like it?

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Another benefit of being called to bless by serving is: ***Serving others unselfishly will make my life meaningful.*** The only way you find meaning in life is to give your life away. God wired the universe on this principle.

*"If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you **give up your life for Me, you will find it.**"*
Matthew 10:35 (NLT)

Everything you do for Christ has a purpose. It may seem insignificant and maybe no one else seems to know about it but it's important. The Bible says that even if you give a cup of cold water in God's name, you get rewarded for that in eternity. Every single act of service you perform will be rewarded by God.

Jesus said if we give up our lives for Him, we will find it. And, He says He will reward us even for the menial tasks we do for Him. Please share what you think about each of these two benefits of serving Jesus? Have you been serving Jesus by serving others daily?

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Finally, being a blessing by serving others will ***leave a legacy.*** What you do matters. It matters to God and it matters to others. You have no idea just how much of an impact your life will make.

Good people are remembered long after they are gone.
Proverbs 10:7 (CEV)

The truth is everybody wants their life to count. Deep down inside of you, you want your life to have significance. What do you want to be known for? Good people will be remembered as a blessing.

How do you hope people remember you after they've met you? What can you do to ensure you leave a great legacy for God?

Your purpose in life is so impactful, not just to you but to others. And we can help you discover what job, ministries and hobbies bring you the most fulfillment. In addition, we can help provide a place for you to serve in a ministry and test the waters for four (4) Sundays! Scan the QR Codes to SIGN UP!

**"Discover Your Purpose"
Workshop 2022**

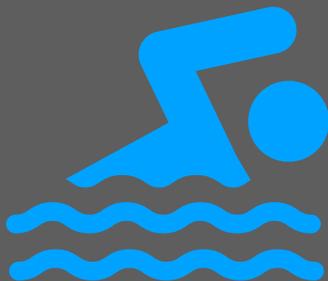
August 24 & 31

6:30 pm via Zoom!

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**Test the waters to
Volunteering for 4 Sundays!**



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WHAT WILL YOU DO?

You don't have to wait to fulfill your calling to bless. You can start right now!

- Who is someone you can serve today?
- Where is something that needs your help?
- How can you give to a need near you?

ADDITIONAL ACTION STEPS: Test drive any one of these AWESOME Ministries of New Hope Windward!

VOLUNTEER AT REGAL CINEMAS (IN-PERSON)	VOLUNTEER ONLINE / REMOTE	OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kid Zone • Attendance Counters • Ushers • Camera Operator • Sanitizing Team • NO PREFERENCE / Wherever the Greatest Need Is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Chat Host - Sundays • Administration/ Scheduling • Creative Media/Social Media • NO PREFERENCE / Wherever the Greatest Need Is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMALL GROUP Book Distribution / Guest Services • Stagehands • Prayer Team • Worship Team • Tech Team (Lighting, Sound, Production) • Office Helper or Office Cleaner (During the week) • Youth - Jr. High/High School • Greeters • Levites - Set-up/Takedown • Misc. Projects (In Person or Online)

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for giving us Your Son, Jesus. He served us so that we can serve others. His example is how we know we are called to bless. Today, show us the needs around us that need our attention. And give us the boldness to meet them. Help me to discover the spiritual gifts your Holy Spirit empowers me with to serve you. Help me find a place to serve to use the gifts, talents and experiences you've given me to serve others the way you want me to. Help me discover the "good works" you put me on earth to do beyond what I've already discovered. All for your glory. Thank you for rewarding me for every task I do when my heart is to serve you. In Jesus' name, amen.



Find Time to READ God's WORD

Reading God's Word daily re-patterns the way you think & transforms your mind. Doing your daily devotions is an excellent way to record, process, & share what God is teaching you on a personal level. We do this using S.O.A.P.

- S - Scripture**
- O - Observation**
- A - Application**
- P - Prayer**

Here's an example:

S: *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "*

--Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

O: Jesus said that we can't live on food alone. Our life is sustained through His Word.

A: Just as food is important to me, God's Word is even more because it will sustain me and give me the strength to live out my life.

P: Jesus, thank You for reminding me that I need Your Word to give me the wisdom & strength to follow You. Help me to make time to spend with You daily. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

SCRIPTURES FOR S.O.A.P.

Day 1:

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

--Colossians 3:17 (CSB)

Day 2:

God set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by His grace.

--Galatians 1:15 (NIV)

Day 3:

"If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others."

--Matthew 20:26 (CEV)

Day 4:

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

--1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

Day 5:

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

--Luke 6:38 (NIV)