



NORTH ARUNDEL CHURCH
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OUR PURPOSE (WHY WE EXIST)

TO BRING, TO TURN, TO BUILD, TO SEND

Our reason for existence is "to bring the unchurched into a right relationship with Jesus Christ, into the fellowship of church membership, nurturing them to full spiritual maturity and productive Christian service in the world."

OUR PASSIONS (WHO WE LOVE)

GOD, THE CHURCH, THE UN-CHURCHED

We love God because He is uniquely beautiful, infinitely worthy, and supremely valuable. We love the church because it is more than a building; it is the "body of Christ" and the "brotherhood of the saints," a collection of redeemed men and women who find common ground in their love of Jesus. We love the un-churched because God loves the un-churched and He wants to use us to make His love known.

OUR PRACTICES (WHAT WE DO)

WORSHIP, MINISTRY, MISSIONS

Because we love God, we worship Him (Father, Son, and Spirit) through relevant music and engaging preaching; knowing that He alone deserves our worship. Because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ we do ministry (acts of service by the church for the church) knowing that the world will see our love for each other as proof of our love for God. We engage in missional acts of service because we know that eternity is real and really long. Our hope is to bring the life-changing gospel of Jesus to those who don't know God, so they can experience forgiveness and spend eternity in grateful worship of God, instead of experiencing God's wrath in the eternal torment of Hell.

Get An Attitude:

Fearless

2 Timothy 1:7, 2 Samuel 23:20-21, Hebrews 11:6

GOALS:

1. To grow in relationship with God.
2. To grow in relationship with one another.
3. To grow our groups and start new groups.

FACILITATOR: The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion on last week's message. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. And remember, a facilitator's goal is to promote increased biblical awareness, as well as individual self-awareness— a combination that with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and transformation.

ICE BREAKER: On a scale of 1 (plays it safe) to 10 (risk it all), how much of a daredevil were you as a kid? Since then, what is the riskiest thing you have ever done?

REVIEW: What is the current series? Why are we doing this? What is this week's title? Why is this subject important to study?

BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION:

Enlist volunteer to read 2 Timothy 1:7

- What does the Apostle Paul say to Timothy that he already knows is true about fear? How do you think Timothy felt when he heard these words from Paul?
- Who has God placed in your life that continues to encourage you in your faith, and reminds you what you already know?

Enlist volunteer to read 2 Samuel 23:20-21

- Besides killing a lion, what other heroic risks did Benaiah accomplish? Do you think he was fearful in each situation? Explain.
- How does the story of Benaiah encourage you to chase your lions (fears) because of your faith in God?
- When is taking a risk foolish, and when is it honoring to God?
- If you could conquer a lion in your life, (sharing your faith, dealing with conflict, career change, going back to school, tithing, etc.) what steps could you take to overcome this fear?

Enlist volunteer to read Hebrews 11:6

- What pleases God according to Hebrews 11:6? Why is faith so important to God? What role does faith play when we live in fear?
- In what way can we, as a Connect Group, provide support for you as you step out in faith to conquer your lions?

CLOSING PRAYER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Feb. 28: Discipleship Seminar for Connect Group Leaders/Co-Leaders
- Food Pantry items are needed

