



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.

## **Climate Change Dealing with Difficult People:**

Isaiah 26:3, Matthew 16:21-23

### **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:** What is the most difficult project you ever tried to attempt and succeed?

**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 Isaiah 26:3 and Matthew 16:21-23

- After reading Isaiah 26:3, what do you think is the key to living in peace when your dealing with difficult people?
- After reading Matthew 16:21, we read Jesus foretelling details about His death. What would you do if you knew the day and time of your death? How would you treat the people that you care about the most?
- Why do you suppose Peter tried to superimpose His will upon Jesus in verse 22?
- Why do the people who care about you the most try to impose their will on you? Explain.
- Why did Jesus refer to Peter as Satan in verse 23?
- How does the pursuit of one's selfish interest create problems in the life of a believer.
- What are some appropriate steps to take when someone is trying to impose their will on you?

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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