



North Arundel Church
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OUR PURPOSE (WHY WE EXIST)

Our reason for existence is "to make Christ known and to disciple the knowing."

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.

Clarifying Our Niche *Proof of Life: Birth (Part 2)*

GOALS:

1. To grow in relationship with God.
2. To grow in relationship with others.
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 specifically can you do in a Connect Group that you can't do in Corporate Worship? Give examples.

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:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Given Martin Pistorius' story, have you known someone in whom there was a period of time between their "re-birth" experience, and when their spiritual maturity was evident?

Read John 3:1-7

- As it relates to this passage, why do you think Jesus used analogies? Why do you think he used this analogy?
- As you read through the following verses, articulate the "plain and simple" characterizations of *proof of life*: 1 John 5-7, 2:3-6, 9-11, 15, 19, 28-29; 3: 1-10

Read Galatians 5:16-24

- What has been most difficult for you as you walk in the Spirit, and not carry out the desires of the flesh?

Read Matthew 7:13-24

- With respect to the analogies, the plain and simple characterizations, the conspicuous evidence, and the Matthew passage, what aspects of your spiritual life would you like the group to pray for?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (refer to bulletin for details):

5/16 Women's Ministry to Baugher's Farm. See Bulletin
2015 Spring/Summer – The Galatians Project (*formerly known as Rent-A-Kid*) See bulletin