



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.

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The Father's Love

Luke 15:11-32

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: Who is the person in your life who has had the greatest spiritual impact? (not including Jesus)

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 Romans 5:8

- After reading the passage, what is so significant about Christ death on the cross? Why should we be grateful?

Read Luke 15:11-32

- As it relates to verses 11-13, have you ever tried to run from or turn away from God? If so, what happened?

Read 2 Samuel 12:7-13

- How did David turn his back on God? How did he take responsibility for his actions?

Read Hebrews 4:4-16

- As it pertains to these passages, what qualifies Christ as our great High Priest? Explain what it means to "draw near with confidence to the throne of grace?"

Read Psalm 103:12

- What does this passage teach us about God's forgiving nature? Is there anything you've done that He won't forgive?

Read Mark 2:17

- Referring to this passage, and Luke 15:28-32, what do these verses say about God's compassion for us?
- What would say was the older brother's problem(s)?
- What lesson(s) can we learn from this parable of Jesus?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (refer to bulletin for details):

2015 Spring/Summer – The Galatians Project (*formerly known as Rent-A-Kid*)