



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

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: Had you ever heard the phrase "proof of life" before watching the movie, or seeing the clip on Sunday?

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

- Who is the first person you've met that was a new creation? What was their "proof of life" in Christ?
- What are some of the misunderstood attributes mistakenly assumed to be evidences of a changed life?

Read John 3:16, 10:10

- Did you understand the distinctive differences between the three Greek words for "life?" After reading these passages, what are the implications for this kind (zoe) of life?

Read Ezekiel 11:17-20

- After reading this passage, what was the genetic failure? Why didn't the law work? What solution is Ezekiel describing in verse 19?

Read John 3:3

- Why is this analogy so relevant to the subject of "proof of life?" Ask a member to share their spiritual birth experience?

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS (refer to bulletin for details):

5/9 – No One Goes Hungry Monthly Dinner for the Homeless

5/10 – Membership Opportunity in Room 101 after Sunday Worship

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