



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: Growth***

2 Peter 1:1-11

### **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:** How many of you knew how the Woody character in Toy Story evolved? Who was your favorite character in the movie?

**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 Peter 1:1-4**

- What is the difference "saving faith" and "growing faith?"
- When you came to faith, what did you think was your greatest obstacle to spiritual growth? What about now? When did you discover the provisions that Peter points to in verses 3 & 4?

#### **Read 2 Peter 1:5-7**

- After reading the passage, what deliberate steps have you taken to grow spiritually?
- Do you think that the order of this list by Peter is intentional? Why or why not?

#### **Read 2 Peter 1:8-11**

- After reading the passage, what are the promises mentioned by Peter? What are the warnings?
- In 12-step programs, most people get stuck on Step 4. Where do you think most people get stuck in this list by Peter? What about you? How can we pray for you?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*refer to bulletin for details*):

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

**June 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm** – No One Goes Hungry