

**Doxa Series**  
**Never Again Out of Place**  
**“The Church is Central”**  
**01/28/23**  
**Newport News**

**Opening**

-Vision (Dream)

**For Jesus to be easy to find our city.**

-Mission

**To tell the Story of the Gospel and to live the Way of Jesus.**

-Values

**Community, Diversity, Generosity, and Ministry**

-2023 overview for preaching... (old saying, “we’re going to make your soul sweat!” meaning we are saved by grace but change takes work!)

-each quarter this year...

- **Doxa... The Way of Jesus’ Beliefs**
- **Praxis... The Way of Jesus’ Character**
- **Shema...The Way of Jesus’ Obedience**
- **Shalom... The Way of Jesus’ Peace**

**Doxa**

**-The 7 Core beliefs of Christianity (our Doxa) instruct us where to be just as much as they teach us what to know.**

-7 core Christian beliefs (directional AND instructional)

- **God is one (trust)**
- **The Bible is true (surrender)**
- **The Cross is enough**
- **Mankind is helpless**
- **Jesus is life**

- **Eternity is real**
- **The Church is central**

*-Each of these beliefs lead me somewhere...and when I wander from that "place" I will always feel out of place. (talk about how this is a gift from God)*

**-Genesis 3:8-9**

## **The Church is Central (should be a central component of your life)**

**The Church of Jesus is where the example of Jesus is lived by the people of Jesus: death before resurrection.**

*-(participation...disciples feeling in upper room when Jesus IS alive!)*

*(He had conquered death...everything He said had been true, the euphoria, the sense of destiny, victory, anticipation, etc...)*

**We want to live in the Upper Room of emotions but forget we have to pass through a tomb that begins at a cross.**

*-We can't bypass the dying of self.*

- **Luke 9:23**
- **Romans 12:1**
- **Luke 14:27**

*-There is a cycle of death and resurrection that we need to re-embrace as Christians.*

*-How many times have people left churches because they experienced something akin to a cross and a tomb when they only wanted an upper room?*

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*-Have we been over-promising an outcome without disclosing the process?*

## **Disappointed with Others**

*-Matthew 20:20-28*

**-(show chart)**

-Cross = disappointed w/others / Tomb = easily offended / Upper Room = loving community of people serving one another

**Disappointed with Leaders**

-Galatians 2:11-13

**-(show chart)**

-Cross = disappointed w/leaders / Tomb = leader worship / Upper Room = loving community of people leading one another

**Disappointed with God**

-Mark 6:47-49

**-(show chart)**

-Cross = disappointed w/God / Tomb = being in control / Upper Room = loving community of people encouraging one another

**Band** (Our new motto: “watch your step...lol!)

-(tell the story of poop on the floor in nursery Mother’s Day...real life church)

-God is One: The oneness of God reveals that the nature of God is to be for others...inviting me into a place of trust.

-The Bible is True: God didn’t create the Bible to be read; He wrote the Bible to recreate us...inviting me into a place of surrender.

-The Church is Central: **The Church of Jesus is where the example of Jesus is lived by the people of Jesus: death before resurrection, inviting me into a place of \_\_\_\_\_**

**SACRIFICE**

**Close**

-Matthew 16:18