

Foundations
7/22/23
Newport News

Opening

-great vacation...

-(joke about Tour de France)

- Walking...
- In grocery store...
- When I get home... (masseur, nutritionist, and coach)
- (talk about the streakers each year)

Introduction

-(talk about reflecting on our church while on vacation, love our church, if I lived here I would go here!)

-My plan was to begin a new series but earlier this week, praying here in the Sanctuary, such a strong sense that we were supposed to reflect on some portions of Scripture that have been and still are foundational to us here at City Life.

Rearranging the weekend...Reawakening life!

-Mark 1:29-34

-(in my home office in the Spring of 2008...)

-I felt like the Holy Spirit was showing me Mark 1:29-39 as a modern day observation for this region...that people's misguided religious traditions were keeping them from experiencing a life changing encounter with Jesus.

-(pool party leaders meeting at the Hrichaks house)

-(talk about the call we made to Hope Community church in the fall)

-28 Harpersville Road the first Saturday in December of 2008

-John 18:10-11 (Luke 22 tells of Jesus healing him)

- Peter represents misguided churches
- The ear represents the spiritual part of us that hears and feels God
- Jesus represents healthy churches healing and restoring...

-The work we are doing here together is sacred, restoring people's trust in local church again, resuscitating their desire for a spiritual family.

Family from the first hello!

-(tell story of going to conference in Portland in 2009)

-God said, "You are going to be a welcoming church."

>**John 13:34-35**

-Jesus' two declarative statements

- Luke 19:10 (reference)
- Matthew 16:18 (reference)

-Never forget the power of a smile, a warm welcome...when you make someone feel like they matter to you, you are giving them a glimpse of how much they matter to God.

heaven now...Heaven forever!

-**Psalm 27:13** (read on screen)

-deferred gratification is one of the devil's most convincing deceptions...

- Define
- It was for me...
- John 10:10 in the fall of 1990

-**eternal life**: time and depth

-1 John 5:11-13

-Every time God says "no" to us, gives us boundaries in Scripture, He isn't trying to rob us of pleasure, on the contrary, He is protecting us from mediocrity...

-Matthew 13:52 (read on screen)

-The meaningfulness of eternal life for people this side of Heaven has been curtailed by too many churches not differentiating between old and new treasures...we are working to change that here!

Tell the Story, Live the Way!

-Romans 10:14-15, 20

-Acts 17:27

>He isn't far...but it is our witness that so many times makes the difference as to whether or not people see Him!

-The dream we have now: **For Jesus to be easy to find in the 757.**

>How?

-The mission we have now: **To tell the Story of the Gospel and to live the Way of Jesus.**

>(connect the mission to the vision)

-The four core values we have now: **Diversity, Ministry, Community, Generosity.**

>(talk about each one)

-(point back to the kids running out for Workshop...what kind of church will we hand off to them one day...)

Band

-(WELCOME HOME MOMENT)

Close

-1 Corinthians 3:10-11