

Vision Fall 2018 Part 2: Rise Up

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **This week: Rise Up**
- A real relationship with the Living God will CHANGE YOU!
 - o God expects us to grow and get better.
 - o Craig Groeschel, “We don’t go to church, we ARE the church!”
 - “The church is not here for you, but for the world.”
- The lost art of Discipleship?
 - o Getting better is a major part Good Hope Church culture.
 - o If you want your life to change, you must change first!
 - o God sees great potential in you! But you must work at it!!
- Outline of Jesus’ process of Discipleship:
 - o 1) Jesus called them to serve God and to join the group/church/team.
 - o 2) Jesus taught them the ways of God. (verbal, example, miracles)
 - o 3) Jesus gave them opportunities. (you give them something to eat)
 - o 4) Jesus released them to lead various ministries.
- The individual disciple’s part of this was:
 - o 1) They answered the call.
 - o 2) They devoted themselves to the teachings.
 - o 3) They stepped out in a controlled environment.
 - o 4) They took the lead.
- To make this personal, let’s follow Peter through this process.
 - o 1) Jesus calls Peter. **Luke 5:1-11**
 - Peter listened. Peter trusted/obeyed. Peter saw the power of God. Peter left everything.
 - o 2) Peter followed Jesus for about 3 years.
 - During these years Peter made a variety of mistakes.
 - Get behind me Satan. (**Matthew 16:21-23**)
 - Deny me 3 times. (**Luke 22:31-34**)
 - Peter also had some great victories.
 - Upon this rock. (**Matthew 16:15-19**)
 - o 3) Peter tries some things in a safe environment. **Matt 14:22-33**
 - What are you asking Jesus to let you do?
 - o 4) Peter leads the first great Church Revival! **Acts 2:14, 2:36-41**
- Peter didn’t start following Jesus on the Day of Pentecost. He started as a self-proclaimed sinful man who didn’t feel like he belonged in the presence of a Holy God.
 - o But Peter rose up. He got better. He made mistakes but kept going.
 - o This is a picture of our walk with God.
 - o **2 Corinthians 5:17**
 - This is a process and a battle. Positional sanctification moves into actual sanctification.
 - Last week’s choice: to answer the call of God.
 - This week’s choice: to live a life worthy of that call. **Ephesians 4:1**
- Pray for each other before you finish up!