

# Deep Life

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Director: Scott



8:15 Worship Team  
9:00 Leader's Meeting (Prayer, People, Program)

9:35 Greetings!  
Open in Prayer – Nathan A

Worship:

9:55 JH Upstairs

HS+C Announcements (Pamela) (2 big, 2 small) (5min)

- HS Mexico – check online to see where your support is – you need to have \$200 in. You may need to write more letters!
- College – Monday nights @ 7:30pm. Destination Unknown – coming March 9<sup>th</sup>. Invite friends!!!
- Grow – read your Bibles and walk with Jesus!
- Birthdays?

10:00 Lesson: **Theology 101: The Church, the Body of Christ**

*MAIN POINT: Jesus has left Christians on earth to do His work.*

Hook (5min)

- Story, “Road Home” – on way home from camp, yp was driving crazy down the mountain, jokingly said, “I just want to make sure you are right with Jesus!” I told him I was ready to die – I felt so close to God. He asked, “then why doesn’t God just take you to heaven right now?”
- What is the point of being a Christian? If it is just to get to heaven, then why doesn't God take you to heaven as soon as you believe? *There is more to it than that - you were saved to be a blessing to others.*

God's Vision for His People (25min/10:05)

- Read Genesis 12.1-4: called to be a blessing, called to be a "people" (not alone)
  - o Why did God call Abram? (v.3)
  - o What did Abram need to do? (trust and obey; this is still grace)
  - o God was making a PEOPLE – this blessing for the world wasn't meant to be done alone.
    - How did Israel do in this calling? Usually not very good!
- Matt 16.16-19
  - o What is the foundation of the church?
    - Not just Peter - Peter's faith and confession of Christ.
    - Faith is the foundation. Jesus "instituted" the church; it is not a human invention.
  - o Who is in the church?
    - All who share Peter's confession. Faith is the requirement to be part of God's church (how does that compare to other religions?)
    - Cyprian, “Extra ecclesium non est salus.” “Outside of the church there is no salvation” Is that true? YES. Inside of the true church, though.
    - Story, “Wheat and Weeds” - kingdom/true church is different than the visible church
    - Story, “Romel Butler” - football player; having sex, drinking, swearing. Going to church isn't good enough! Our mission statement (Not saved by what you do, but your faith must bear fruit.)
  - o What should the church be like? Read Acts to get a picture!
    - Holiness, unity, action (Augustine: highest value in the church is unity)
    - John 13.35 – our love for God, each other, and the world (DFM)

*“To transform religious and irreligious students into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ.”*

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- Matt 18.15-20
  - o How should the church deal with sin? (confront and forgive)
  - o How should we deal with conflict? (conflict resolution is a major problem in our society; the Church is called to be a model!)
  - o (How relevant should the Church be?)
- Matt 28.18-20
  - o What does Jesus command His followers (including you) to do? How is this God's vision for the world? (we invite them into a community where God's Kingdom lives – so we better make sure it is!)
  - o What happened after Jesus said these words?
  - o Where is Jesus' body now? *In heaven: human flesh; on earth: the Church!*
  - o Why does the church exist? *To follow Christ in His work on earth.*
- We are the Church!
  - o The People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of Spirit, Bride of Christ, Boat of Salvation (Noah)
  - o Where Sacraments administered, Gospel proclaimed, Salvation and Grace offered freely, Sin is challenged, Justice is worked for, People's lives are supported
- *God has a dream for this world: salvation, the rescuing of lost and hurting souls back to His heart. The Church is His plan to reach this world with His salvation. How are WE doing?*

## Small Groups (10min/10:25)

### Read Acts 2.42-47

1. What were the early Christians devoted to?
2. How often did they go to church?
3. How did they treat each other?
4. Would you want to be part of a church like this...honestly?
5. What would it take for our group to look and feel like these early Christians?
6. What can you do to make our group more like God's dream for His people?

10:40 PRAY IN GROUPS

10:45 Close in Prayer