

NAZARETH: A NEW COMMUNITY

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DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

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OT: Jer 11:16-17, Isaiah 9:1-2, Jeremiah 25:11-12, Isaiah 11:1

NT: Matthew 2:21-23, Matthew 4:13-16, Acts 17:26-27

The city of Nazareth where Jesus grew up represented hope to the Jewish nation that God would restore them fully. It kept the area from falling completely under Gentile dominion and provided a link to the Jewish Community in the South. Nazareth represents Jesus, our Messiah and it also provided a base for God's work in the future through the Messiah.

In last week's sermon, Rev Walton made 3 prophetic statements that relate to our church specifically:

- (1) This Congregation is our Nazareth
- (2) This City is our Capernaum
- (3) This Church is a reminder of the good plans God has for our nation, to bless it

Therefore we are to enter into the fullness God has for us as a congregation and as individuals. God's desire is to sprout and grow the seeds of destiny already planted in this church.

Further reading: 1 Cor 3:6, Ps 119:33, Isaiah 35:1-3

As a New Community in this specific season we are in, both corporately and individually, ASK:

- (1) In both spiritual and practical ways, what does it mean to carry the hope that God will restore us fully?
- (2) When we know we carry the power and authority to take the nation for Jesus, what does that look like for us on a daily basis?
- (3) As a church called to be a prophetic reminder of the good plans God has for our nation (He wants to bless our nation!), what are some practical ways in which we can live out this prophetic reminder?