

Hope Community Church



Aligning Life with the Great Commission



Overview

1. **Acknowledge our Creator**
2. **Celebrate who we are in Jesus**
3. **We GET to participant in the Great Commission**
4. **How to live on mission everyday**

Acknowledge our Creator

*In the beginning, God existed.
He created everything.*

Genesis 1:1 // Colossians 1:16-17



Attributes of God

He's Infinite.

He's Immutable.

He's Self-Sufficient.

He's Omnipotent. (All-powerful)

He's Omniscient. (All-knowing)

He's Omnipresent. (Everywhere)

He's Wise.

He's Faithful.

He's Good.

He's Just.

He's Merciful.

He's Gracious.

He's Loving.

He's Holy.

He's Glorious.



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Journal Time

10-Minutes

*Write out a prayer adoring God &
express gratitude for His attributes.*

Who we are in Jesus

Loved.

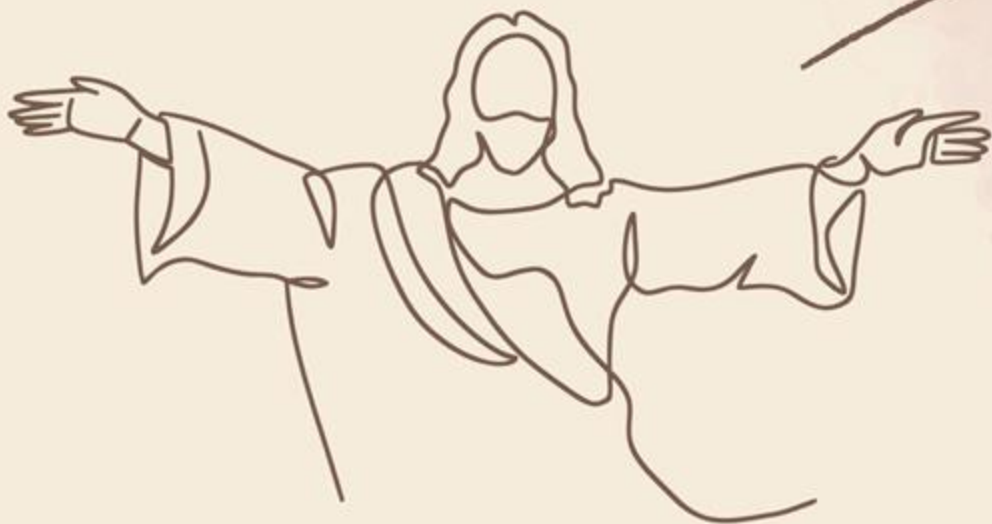
Forgiven.

Rescued.

Redeemed.

Justified.

Saved.



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Your Story

20-Minutes

*Time to recognize Jesus as
the hero in your story!*

Your Story

CREATION

Share something really great or really hard that happened earlier in your life.

FALL

What was happening in your life that was broken? In what ways was it not the way God created you to be?

REDEMPTION

**Explain how the effects of sin in your life were rescued and redeemed by Jesus' life?
How did you come to put your trust in Jesus to save you and restore your life to the way God intended it to be?**

NEW CREATION

What is happening in your life now? How is God changing you, using you, speaking to you now that He has redeemed you? What has changed and what is changing in your life now?

The Great Commission

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

We GET to participate
unashamedly out of pure joy and excitement!

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of
God for salvation to everyone who believes,"* **Romans 1:16**

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21

We GET to participate
with sincere heartfelt compassion!

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them,"

Matthew 9:36





We GET to participate

to glorify God and draw others to Him!

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!"

1 Chronicles 16:24

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

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Lunch

20-Minutes

Enjoy :)

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Here's some Data

Only 20% of Americans regularly attend church.

Over the last 4 years, there's been a steady decline in church membership, let alone attendance.

Particularly in America, many Christians have become consumeristic spectators rather than active participants.

Here's some Data

Certain regions of the world do not allow professional clergy, public worship, or church facilities, yet the Christian Gospel is growing **exponentially faster** than in the U.S.

Still, **over 95%** of local church budgets in the U.S. are committed to clergy salaries, public worship events, and facilities.

Here's some Data

Jesus gave His followers only ONE thing to do between His Advents.
We call it the Great Commission.

The number of Americans who believe they are personally responsible to be involved in the Great Commission has dropped 30% over the last 25 years.

76% of Christians don't even know what the Great Commission is.

Here's some Data

Up to 50% of us are **introverts**.

Only 10% of us have the gift of evangelism.

Yet Jesus gave the Great Commission to **100% of us** who claim to follow Jesus.

Here's some Data

On average, anywhere from **8 to 15** people are sitting, in the front row seats of our lives; people we **regularly share life with.**

95% of Christian conversions are primarily generated through relationships we share with those 8 to 15 people.

Raise your hand if

A parent or sibling,
a coworker or classmate, a neighbor or friend,
were the primary reason(s)
you gave your heart to Jesus?

Oikos

(pronunciation oi·kos)

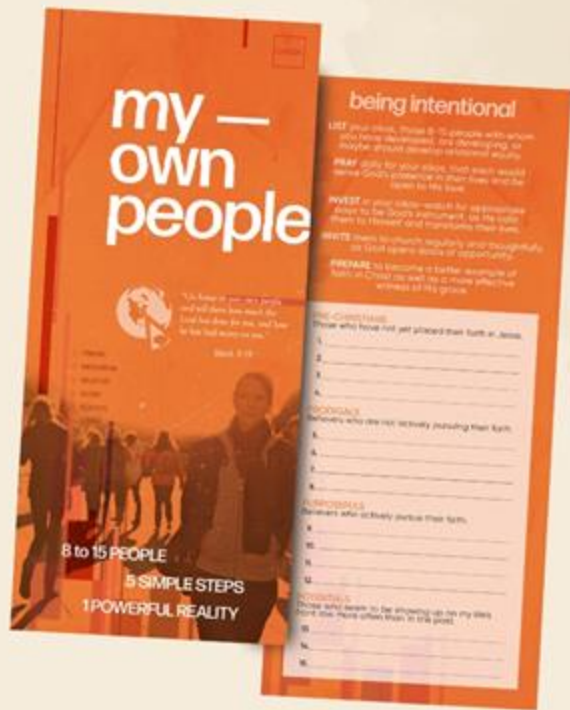
Greek word for 'HOUSEHOLD'.

Shows up over 1,700 times in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the OT.

The word oikos is thoroughly embedded in the Greek NT.

5 Steps

1. LIST your oikos.
2. PRAY daily.
3. INVEST consistently.
4. INVITE often.
5. PREPARE daily.



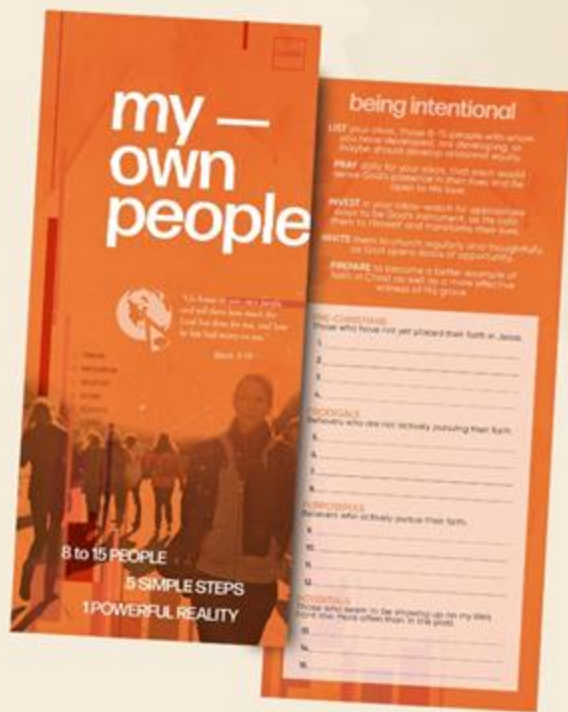






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God created us to be with Him.

Our sins separate us from God.

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died & rose again.

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

4 Spiritual Laws

1. God loves us.
2. Our condition.
3. God's response.
4. Our response.

Admit

- Acknowledge and repent of your sin.
- Recognize your need for a savior.

Believe

- Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the grave.

Choose

- Confess your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior
- Publicly declare your commitment to Him.

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Thanks for coming!



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ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is Infinite.

He's self-existing without origin. He was created by nothing and has always existed forever. Eternally, God has been God.

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." **Psalm 90:2**

"And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together." **Colossians 1:17**

God is Immutable.

He never changes.

"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed." **Malachai 3:6**

Sam Storms said "God is dependable! Our trust in him is therefore a confident trust, for we know that he will not, indeed cannot, change. His purposes are unfailing, his promises unassailable."

God is Self-Sufficient.

He has no needs.

"For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself." **John 5:26**

Because God is self-sufficient, we can go to him to satisfy all our needs.

God is Omnipotent. (All-Powerful)

"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth." **Psalm 33:6**

He has unlimited power (omni = all; potent = powerful). God is able and powerful to do anything he wills without any effort on his part.

God is Omniscient. (All-Knowing)

He knows everything!

“Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please” - **Isaiah 46:9-10**

A.W. Tozer said “God perfectly knows Himself and, being the source and author of all things, it follows that He knows all that can be known. And this He knows instantly and with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or ages yet unborn.”

God is Omnipresent. (Everywhere)

He's in all places at all times. The fullness of his presence is all around us.

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to **heaven**, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.” **Psalms 139:7-10**

God is Wise.

He is infinitely wise, consistently wise, and perfectly wise.

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!” – **Romans 11:33**

When we see wisdom like this, we realize just how much our limited, finite wisdom compares with the limitless, infinite wisdom of God.

God is Faithful.

“If we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.” **2 Timothy 2:13**

He's always faithful. He never forgets anything, never fails to do anything he has set out to do, never changes his mind or takes back a promise. He is wholly faithful in His love and in the judgement seat.

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. **10** But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him. -

Deuteronomy 7:9-10

God is Good.

Just as God is infinite, is always unchanging, and is always faithful, He is also always good! His mercy flows from His goodness.

“O, taste and see that the Lord is good” – **Psalm 34:8**

A.W. Tozer said “the goodness of God disposes Him to be kind, cordial, benevolent, and full of good will toward men. He is tenderhearted and of quick sympathy, and His unfailing attitude toward all moral beings is open, frank, and friendly. By His nature He is inclined to bestow blessedness and He takes holy pleasure in the happiness of His people.”

God is Just.

He is always right and perfect in all He does. He always does what is right and good toward all men.

"The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He." – **Duet 32:4**

R.C. Sprouls said “Let’s assume that all men are guilty of sin in the sight of God. From the mass of humanity, God sovereignly decides to give mercy to some of them. What do the rest get? They get justice. The saved get mercy and the unsaved get justice. Nobody gets injustice”

God Is Merciful.

He is infinitely, unchangeably compassionate and kind.

Because of God’s mercy, we don’t get what we deserve (death). Instead, we get life through **faith** in Jesus.

“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy." - **Romans 9:15-16**

God is Gracious

If mercy is not getting what we do deserve (damnation), grace is getting what we don’t deserve (eternal life).

"The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness." – **Psalm 145:8**

Because grace is a part of who God is and not just an action he bestows, it means we can trust that grace is eternal.

God is Loving.

God's love is eternal, sovereign, unchanging, and infinite.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**" - **1 John 4:7-8**

Tozer said "God's love is active, drawing us to himself. His love is personal. He doesn't love humanity in some vague sense, he loves humans. He loves you and me. And his love for us knows no beginning and no end."

God is Holy.

He is sacred, set apart, divine.

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty" – **Revelation 4:8**

He is endlessly, always perfect. And his standard for us is perfection. Without Christ taking the place for us and dying for our sins, we would all fall short of God's holy standard.

God is Glorious.

His radiance and beauty emanate from all that He is and all that He does.

"His radiance is like the sunlight; He has rays flashing from His hand, And there is the hiding of His power." - **Habakkuk 3:4**

God created you and me perfectly in His own image simply to bring glory to Himself because He's God. Our whole existence and purpose is to glorify him, as we are created in his image and do the good work he has prepared for us to do.

MY STORY

CREATION

How did your life begin? Describe your family and others and the moments that shaped you as a person before you began following Jesus?

Share something really great or really hard that happened earlier in your life.

FALL

What was happening in your life that was broken? In what ways was it not the way God created you to be? Relationships? Health? Addictions? Bad choices?

What types of sin were you falling into and what were the effects?

REDEMPTION

Explain how the effects of sin in your life were rescued and redeemed by Jesus?

How did you come to put your trust in Jesus to save you and restore your life to the way God intended it to be? Was there a particular person who God used?

NEW CREATION

What is happening in your life now? How is God changing you, using you, speaking to you now that He has redeemed you from the effects of sin? Include at least 2 examples of how Jesus is changing and recreating your life.

