

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

New Hope's Purpose – Why We Exist

Matthew 22:36-40; 28: 19-20

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

In your opinion, what percentage of a church's membership should consist of new converts that came to Christ through that church, in order to be considered a church that is fulfilling its purpose of evangelism in a healthy way?

Have you ever seen a congregation lose touch with it's purpose - it's reason for existing? What happens when a church is unbalanced in her purposes?

Why do you think it's so easy for any congregation to become unbalanced?

INTO THE BIBLE

What scriptures might inform us about Christ's purposes for His church?

Share some passages that could provide practical help for us when it comes to living out the four purposes of the church in practical ways.

APPLICATION

What might be some quantifiable measurements that a church could take in order to assess their current health and help determine what changes need to be made in order to get all four scriptural purposes in proper balance?

New Hope has been in the process of helping its members to realize the importance of balancing the four purposes that Christ has set for her. In what areas are we the weakest and what could we do to improve?

What could YOU do differently to be a part of facilitating this needed change?