

Good Hope Foundations: Part 3 – Being a Strong Player

- Personal study and prayer
 - Good Hope can only succeed by having strong players.
 - Here is where the culture of failure devastates the church.
 - What have you done that was successful? Did it involve sacrifice and excellence? What if everyone had put in 2 hrs a month and they weren't engaged during those 2 hrs?
 - What does the Lord deserve from His church?
 - The weekend services aren't enough, though they are very important.
 - Come to church! Big big big deal! However, showing up on the weekend is not enough for you to fulfill God's call on your life.
 - So, if you want to be effective and productive don't quit coming to church, but do those other things (small group, daily devotions, ministry involvement, etc.) as well.
 - The new revival: Christians being Christians
 - The church's job is to make disciples, not to give Christians something to look at. (Eph 4:11-13, Matt 28:18-20)
 - Of course, this is the old revival too! ☺
 - The weekend services will go great if people are ready for it
 - Be prayed up, be worshiped up, be read up and be ready for God to move. Otherwise we spend the service knocking off the cobwebs but don't really get anywhere.
 - This is your small group now, join one later
 - The big group meetings aren't where you get deep relationships.
 - You need deep Christian relationships.
 - Our normal expectation is that people are involved in one other church related thing than a weekend service. It could be women's group, the worship team, another small group, etc. More than that is above and beyond the call, but less than that you drift apart. Exceptions vary depending on individual schedules.
 - Get a daily devotion routine – SOAP
 - Adults feed themselves. You can go out to eat from time to time, but daily meals are your responsibility. Strong Christians grow primarily through daily devotions and serve through church.
 - **S: Scripture.** Read your chapter. We have this set up to help you.
 - **O: Observation.** Journal some observations. This helps you see what God is showing you from the scriptures.
 - **A: Application.** Journal what you see that you can do with these observations.
 - **P: Prayer.** Finish with prayer for the day, to apply the truths, thanksgiving, etc.