

Sermon Notes

Now What? Part 1

October 7th – October 8th , 2023

- **Now What? Part 1**
- At Good Hope we do a vision series once or twice a year. Why? So we can stay on track. It's good for me, it's good for you, it's just good.
 - o Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out – With Hand Motions!!
 - Why with hand motions? Maybe if we can work together on something like this, God will use us to do more significant things. Don't despise small beginnings.
- So, now what? Now we take it to the next level.
 - o Every trial we have faced has been a test. If we pass, the Lord takes us to the next level.
 - o How Redemption works: You're here, then here, God takes you here...
 - Do you believe that there is a spiritual battle?
 - That Jesus came here and died on the cross for an important reason?
 - That the Apostles died for a cause worth dying for??
 - o What's the cause? It's the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Gospel. **Ephesians 2:11-22**
- How's the spiritual battle going in the USA? In rural America? At Good Hope Church??
 - o Good Hope – last 3 years have been challenging. Covid, recovery, break-in, recovery. Basically means our effectiveness has been almost stagnant for about 3 years. Better than most...
 - That's not good considering our mandate. **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - Combine that with **2 Peter 3:8-9**, and we see EVERYONE matters to God.
 - o Recognize, we are the hands and feet of Jesus. So, let's go!
- Redemption (here, here, here thing again).
 - o What happens at the second 'here'? Your roots go deep. True for the individual and the group.
 - Good Hope roots are deep. Great staff. Committed people. God is calling many!!
 - o We are almost ready to see the third 'here' come to pass! I'll get more specific later in this series, but now let's lay the ground work.
- Vision Statement again: Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out
 - o Reach Up. Connect with and stay connected to God. Repent and abide in the vine.
 - o Step One in taking things to the next level is always getting your heart right.
 - Choosing Jesus over sin. Releasing yourself to Jesus as your Lord. Truly loving God!
 - o **2 Peter 3:9** said "come to repentance." The early message was **Matt 3:1-2, Matt 4:17**.
 - My translation: God is about to do something wonderful, so get your heart right and you'll get to be part of it!!
 - o Step One Part Two is always keeping your heart right!! Remember **Romans 12:11**.
 - This can be a challenge as the years go by, but the Scripture shows us how to persevere.
 - **Hebrews 10:32-39**, then Chapter 11, **Hebrews 12:1-3**
- Now What? Now we fix our eyes on Jesus.
- A real relationship with the Living God is available to you.
 - o Turn to God and away from the rest of it.
 - o Renew your faith and allegiance to Jesus.
 - o Let's fix our eyes on Jesus!
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.