**The Hope Church (3/2/21)**

**RE3 Bible Study: Back to the Basics**

**Week 1: The Purpose of the Church**

Part I. Relink: connect or join again with our Creator and with our faith

* God is calling us back to the basics of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scripture References:

**Eph. 4:14-16** **II Cor.13:5**

* Relinking is not automatic.
* Have to be intentional in order to relink (rethink, reassess, reevaluate happens first).

Reflection Point:

1. What are three obstacles that can block your ability to relink?

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What is the Church?

A New Testament Church is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believers, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to carry out the Lord’s work.

**I Cor. 12:27-28 I Cor. 12:12, 24-26**

The Church is the Body of Christ. God places people in particular local churches so they can fulfill their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Part II. Reload: refresh, renew, revise, remember, renovate, release

**Lamentations 3:19-24 Romans 15:4 Eph. 6:17 Luke 4:4**

* Reassess how we approach our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* His mercies are new every morning. Must update, refresh, and reload our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Make sure you know what you are loading and why.
* Refresh ourselves in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Reload old mindsets with God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reflection Point:

1. Identify one area of your walk with God that needs renovation or reloading.

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Does it need a new coat of paint? New flooring? Complete tear down and rebuild? We must conduct an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assessment before we can reload.

Part III. Relaunch: receive, revise, go deeper, new level, get up and go for it

***Romans 12:1-2*** **Luke 5:4-6 Proverbs 3:5-6**

* We can’t have strong ministry without strong people.
* Ministry now is different from ministry in the past.
* Transformation takes intentional effort.
* When we know better, we must do better.
* Must determine that you will give up something. Everything of value costs something.
* Hear from God daily—study the Word.
* Spend time with God and listen for direction from God.
* Be intentional every day, start the day right.

Reflection Point:

1. Name something you will intentionally **let go of** in order to strengthen your relationship with God and others.

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1. What will you intentionally **begin to do** in order to walk in your purpose and to exercise your spiritual gifts as a church member?

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Summary

The Church is a group of baptized believers **organized to carry out the Lord’s work**. Membership in the local church is an act of obedience and commitment to **advance the Kingdom of God** by your support of the vision, leadership and mission with your time, talent and treasure. We have individual roles and group roles to fulfill and all are important.

Archbishop’s vision for 2021 is that we as a body Reimagine Ministry. He is calling for us to Relink, Reload, and Relaunch. This will require intentional effort from each of us and it starts with a self-examination. After we assess our relationship with God, reloading by studying the Word will refresh us and help us to release old habits and embrace a new lifestyle. Then, you have to go for it by launching out into the deep even if it means you have to leave some people or some things behind.