

BIG IDEA: Going to New Places with God

SUMMARY

There is always more, and it's time to go to a new place with Him in Jesus' name. When we discover Jesus and find friendship with God, we make a difference and change our world. This is the Gospel. Jesus has restored our identity, reconciled our relationship with God, and redeemed our purpose in this world. As the Gospel transforms us, we become filled with hope. Hope is evidence of the Gospel working in our lives, which helps us believe we can make a difference. We are empowered to be hope carriers, which means we carry hope everywhere we go.

KEY POINTS:

1. If you believe in Jesus, you have a treasure chest of hope inside you.

"He wants you to show hope to the world because you are empowered to change your world."

"You are either reigning in life or life is raining down on you."

Where can you bring hope and change your world?

2. The kingdom of God is bigger than the Church.

"The kingdom of God is within you and within the kingdom of God are the solutions to all the world's problems."

"You are called to bring the kingdom of heaven every place you go."

"We are called to influence the world in all the areas of life."

"You can't change THE world, but you can change YOUR world."

How does this change your perspective about the world and the church? Where do you go every day as a hope carrier?

3. Hope Leads

"If you are the person in the room with hope then you are a leader."

"Hope is the confident expectation of the goodness of God."

"All of creation is waiting for us to rise up."

Share a time you have shared hope with someone else.

Simple Next Steps to Change Your World

1. Take a shirt – It's a step of faith; you are moving forward with God as a hope carrier.

2. Represent Jesus and Valley Creek – Show your world who Jesus is and what it is to be family on mission. **John 14:9**

3. Be a hope carrier – Anytime you walk into a place expecting the goodness of God you are a hope carrier.

Do you expect the goodness of God or the brokenness of the world? What's one next step you can take as a hope carrier?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Psalm 145:4; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16; Colossians 1:27; Romans 5:17; Genesis 1:28; Romans 15:13; 1 Timothy 1:1