

THEOLOGY MADE SIMPLE

THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN:

Colossians 1:1-2

The Apostle:

The Town:

BIG WORDS MADE SIMPLE:

Colossians 1:3-5

Where we are **in Christ** is far more important than where we are **in life**.

John 15:1-12

Faith is: **Belief, trust and obedience**.

Hebrews 11:1-6, Mark 1:15, 9:7, Luke 8:12-13, Matthew 7:24-27, Romans 10:17, James 2:14-19, Ephesians 2:8-10

Love is: **A decision and action, not just an emotion**.

Matthew 25:34-40, Luke 6:27-36, 10:25-37, John 13:35, 15:12, 1 John 4:19-21

Hope is: **Confidence** based on God's **character** and **promises**.

Romans 15:13, 2 Thessalonians 2:16, Romans 8:24-25, Hebrews 6:13-20

GETTING REAL:

John 15:1-12

- ▶ What do I **trust in most**?
- ▶ What is my **life based on**?
- ▶ How do I **measure success**?

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This Christmas we collected over 5,374 gifts for our partner organizations. That's over 2,000 more than last year. Their gratitude and appreciation for your generosity was overwhelming. Let's continue to show the love of Christ to our community throughout the year. To find out more about upcoming service projects as well as the service projects listed below, visit us online at www.northcoastchurch.com/service/ or pick up a brochure at the church office.

OPERATION HOPE

Provide dinner at Vista's winter shelter for homeless families.

MICHAELLE HOUSE

Various opportunities are available, such as providing dinner for the residents of an HIV/AIDS house, taking the residents out to the movies, or helping with work projects around the house.

ST. CLARE'S HOME

Make improvements on houses for battered women and children.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Sort donations for a local foster child agency.

GREEN OAK RANCH

Do fix-it projects for a local drug and alcohol rehab center.

BREAD OF LIFE

Bring and serve dinner at a homeless shelter.

THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Donate a baby gift basket to an expectant mom.

PLEASANT CARE NURSING HOME

Participate in activities that may include spending time with the residents, playing cards, talking, taking a walk, sharing a meal.

NORTH COUNTY SOLUTIONS FOR CHANGE

Bring dinner and hang out with the children of a homeless shelter.

MILITARY MINISTRY

Provide support and encouragement to wives of our Military as well as care packages, prayer and support to our deployed men and women.

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► What is my _____ ?

► How do I _____ ?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of January 13, 2008

Welcome back to the winter quarter of Growth Groups! This quarter will conclude the week of March 16. At this week's meeting, along with the homework, you'll share a potluck meal and review your Growth Group Covenant together. With that in mind, the homework has been abbreviated. Have a great quarter!

MY STORY

1. What are you more like? (Circle your preference.)

Sprinter or Distance Runner
Cheese Pizza or Supreme
Magnifying Glass or Telescope
A Ride or A Walk
Rustic Cabin or Fancy Resort
Action Movie or Comedy
Rushing Rapid or Placid Lake
Bridge or Tower
Mall or Costco
Dirt or Street

2. How did this week's sermon add, change or confirm your definition of faith, hope or love?

3. From this weekend's teaching, was there a statement, point or insight that was particularly helpful, challenging or confusing to you personally?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This week we heard how it's more important to know where we are "in Christ" than where we are "in life." How do the following verses help us know what it means to live "in Christ"? Can you think of any present day examples of these verses in action?

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 2:10

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

2. How do the following verses further your understanding of what it looks like to "live out" faith, hope and love?

Philippians 1:9-11

Titus 3:4-8

1 Thessalonians 1:3

TAKING IT HOME

1. Chris challenged us in this weekend's teaching to examine our priorities in three areas. Looking back at those three questions, is there any priority that might cause you to focus more on where you are "in life" than who you are "in Christ"?

2. Looking back at this week's teaching and study we saw that being "in Christ" is having faith, hope and love. Which of these three would you most like to develop this next quarter?

3. What do you hope to get out of your time in Growth Group this next quarter?

<p>Bonus Challenge: As we begin our new series in Colossians, you might want to consider reading a chapter a week or even the entire book in one sitting. There are only four chapters.</p>
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