

RockPointe's Vision Statement

By God's grace and for His glory, we long to be a community of people who are...

- Passionately Devoted to God
- Deeply Committed to One Another
- Relentlessly Focused on the Lost

Opening Question

What illustration comes to mind (maybe from scripture, or from personal experience) of being deeply committed to one another? What does that look like? What does deep commitment to another or a group look like?

Scripture

Hebrews 10:19-25

Discussion

1. In God's Family, it all begins with Jesus (Hebrews 10:19-20)

a. *"God's aim in human history is the creation of an inclusive community of loving persons with Himself included as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant."* – Dallas Willard.

What would you say the hallmarks of this community are? What are the core aspects; the fundamentals? What does it mean to have Jesus as the start and principle of this community?

b. Consider the community you have with other Christian brothers and sisters. Whether it is 2 or 3 of you, a small group or a larger gathering... Do you feel that that community is centered upon Jesus? Is he the *"Primary Sustainer and most glorious inhabitant"*? How can we continually move in that direction when we gather together?

2. In God's Family, we are open and honest in His Presence (Hebrews 10:21-22)

a. This scripture doesn't sound individual at all. Rather it encourages the community of God to present themselves as they truly are. Why are Christians to be bold in doing this, without fear of others judgement? What is it, biblically speaking, that allows us to be so forthright and honest with God and each other?

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FOCUSING MORE CLEARLY
ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT: EACH OTHER

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3. **In God's Family, we have hope together (Hebrews 10:23)**
 - a. *"This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's sanctuary. Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest. What a marvellous picture – Jesus holding on to the anchor of our lives."* – Ron Gray
 - i. Life is chaotic. There are ups and downs, tragedy and blessings... how is it that we as Christians can hold onto this hope through it all? What is it about Jesus, as our high priest, that enables us to do this?
 - b. Describe your life these days. Does it feel chaotic? Are you on an upswing of blessing? Or a season of pain or frustration?
 - i. Do you feel anchored to Jesus through it all? Do you have this feeling of being "secure" with Jesus?
 - ii. What do you glean from this message and this scripture about how you can more firmly grasp to Jesus, and come to believe and realize that Jesus has firmly grasped onto you?
4. **In God's Family, we motivate one another (Hebrews 10:24)**
 - a. Take 3 minutes and silently pray. Listen to God, asking Him to show you who to encourage. Maybe it's someone in your group right here... maybe it's someone else. Take some time to share after about what God said.
5. **In God's Family, we love being around one another (Hebrews 10:25)**
 - a. *"Family is a choice, and the whole is weaker when the one is not engaged"* – Ron Gray
 - i. The fact that you are in a small group means you are choosing to be engaged... but what other ways do you think God has wired you to be involved and active and contributing to His family? What ways have you considered engaging before? What would you love to do in the body of Christ?

Prayer

- As a community, come before God with your prayer requests. Be open about the feelings and emotions, the ups and downs, the things you don't understand... and thank Jesus that He has made a way for us to receive grace, that we have been declared to be right with God and that He made it all happen through His great sacrifice.
- Pray for God's family, both universally, and locally here at RockPointe. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continually lead us into greater depths of Biblical Community, based on what we see in our scripture today.
- Continue to pray for Alpha. May more come to know Him!