



*Seeing God's Vision, Hearing God's Voice,
Experiencing God's Victory & Holding onto the
Hope that God has given you.*

Where Am I Going?

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Week 1 Where Am I Going?

Campaign Theme Verse:

1 Peter 1:13-16

Campaign Slogan

“Know this, the world around you is wasting away, but the will of God is moving forward. Be inspired, God will get us where He wants us to go. So Turn to Jesus Today, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord

will be saved”.

Day 1 Prayer:

Ephesians 3:14-21

Day 1 Blessing:

Romans 15:13

Welcome to *The Inspired Life: Where Am I Going? 50 Days of Inspiration* spiritual growth campaign.

I am so excited that you are joining us on this journey of spiritual growth. For the next seven weeks we will spend time seeking God's presence, turning to Jesus, and asking for the Holy Spirit to empower us to live the inspired and hope filled life that God has for us. It is my prayer that during this campaign, God will be glorified, the Church will be edified and that the lost will be found by God. May you see God's vision, may you hear his voice, and may you experience the victory of God in your life.

I am excited to see what God Gives,
~Pastor Chet

The campaign consists of:

- Weekly Sermon Messages
- Weekly Small Group Sessions
- Daily Bible Readings & Questions for consideration
- Scripture Memorization
- Living the Inspired Life Weekly Challenge
- Group Service Project
- Opportunity to be Baptized or Profess faith

Pastoral Thought

WEEK 1...SERMON NOTES...WHERE AM I GOING?

God has a vision for your life that will inspire you. He has communicated his vision and offered you his victory. God wants you to be with him.

But there is a major problem.

Like Israel long ago, the world today is blind to God's vision, deaf to his voice and dead to his victory. We are not holy because we do not hold onto God and his hope that he has for us.

Isaiah captured it in chapter 6:8-10, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, 'here I am. Send me!' He said, 'Go and tell this people: be ever hearing but never understanding, be ever seeing, but never perceiving. Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn and be healed'".

If you want to see God's vision, hear his voice and experience the victory of God—you need repent and receive God's hope through faith. Turn to Jesus Today!

*"This is not our final destination.
The end is not the end.
God has an eternal home of righteousness waiting for you". ~Pastor Chet*

Theme Verse: 1 Peter 1:13-16

*"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; **set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.** As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all that you do; for it is written: 'Be holy because I am holy'".*

Week 1 Small Group Session Outline

Today's Main Idea:

God wants to INSPIRE your life with HOPE that leads to HOLINESS.

Four reasons why being inspired by hope is so important?

1. Godly HOPE leads to HOLINESS & GODLY LIVING.

“the faith and love that spring from the hope that I stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace” ~Col. 1:3-6

2. GOD SIZED HOPE leads to GOD INSPIRED LIVING.

“He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter”.
~1 Thessalonians 2:14-15

3. Without holiness, no one can

SEE THE LORD.

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy, without holiness, no one can see the Lord”. ~Hebrews 12:14

- Hope leads to holiness and without one you cannot have the other and without them, you will not see God.
- A lack of hope leads to a lack of love and without love in your heart, you cannot love others. If you don’t love others, the Bible says you don’t love God. And if you don’t love God—you cannot see the Lord.

4. Inspired living leads to

PEOPLE TURNING TO JESUS.

“so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men...~Titus 2:11-14

HOPE LEADS TO HOLINESS.

We see God’s vision for the world through the lens of hope and we hear God’s voice with ears of faith. If you want to see God, you need to be holy and if you want to be holy—you have to have hope.

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists (faith) and that rewards those who earnestly seek him (hope)” ~Hebrews 11:6

HOPE IS ALL ABOUT EXPECTATIONS.

“What you expect out of life, often times determines what you put into it. Bad expectations can ruin your life. God’s expectations have the power to inspire your life”. ~Pastor Chet

3 CORE BIBLICAL EXPECTATIONS OF HOPE

- #1. The world is wasting away, but the will of God is moving forward. 1 John 2:17
- #2. God will get us where He wants us to go. Romans 8:28-30
- #3. Turn to Jesus Today, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Romans 10:9

Two ways to set all your hope on the grace to be given you?

1. Let God CHANGE OR SHAPE YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently”. ~Romans 8:24-25

2. Set your minds on the EXPECTATIONS THAT GOD HAS FOR YOUR FUTURE.

“Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory”. ~Colossians 3:1-4

- One hand pulling the expectations of God into your heart and one hand pushing out the expectations of the world.
- Being sober-minded, means that you are self-controlled and you do not allow the ways of the world, the expectations of the world to shape you.



Small Group Discussion Guide: Week 1: Where Am I Going?

Small Group Order for Week 1

- Leader Open in Prayer
- Introductions & Ice-breaker
- Leader Shares overview and 10 Commitments
- Watch Session 1 on Website or FRC Facebook
- Discussion Questions
- Close in prayer

Summary: In Wk. 1 we explore the inspiring hope about our future. This world is wasting away, but the will of God is moving forward. We are reminded that this is not our final destination & the end is not the end. In the Small Group Session, Pastor Chet teaches on 4 reasons why hope is so important: hope leads to holiness and 2 ways to fulfill our theme verse 1 Peter 1:13-16

Overview & 10 Commitments:

1. Attend or watch Weekly Message
2. Attend & participate in Weekly Small Group meeting.
3. Read Daily Bible Readings
4. Ask God to grow your faith.
5. Humbly & kindly participate in the small group discussions.
6. Keep what's said in the small group session confidential.
7. Share but also allow others to speak.
8. Pray for your group members to grow in grace and hope in Jesus.
9. Invite others to turn to Jesus.
10. Invite others to be baptized April 4th.

Introductions & Ice-Breaker:

1. **Share your name and one thing you are excited about.**
2. **Share 1-2 hopes or expectations you have about this campaign.**
3. **How would you like to grow in your faith during this 7 week study and campaign?**

Discussion Questions:

1. What stuck out to you about this weeks theme, readings, message or small group session?
2. This campaign is about setting our hope fully on the grace to be given us when Jesus Christ is revealed, how much of your time is spent thinking and praising God for our future? Why don't we spend more time doing this?
3. Pastor Chet shared four reasons why hope is so vitally important to our lives, What reason resonates with your heart the most?
4. Pastor Chet said, "if you want to be holy you have to hold onto God's hope" and Colossians 1:3-6 talks about how the "gospel is bearing fruit and growing". What fruit are you experiencing in your life and how are you growing in your faith?
5. In today's session Pastor Chet said that "hope is all about expectations and that what you expect out of life often times shapes what you put into it". What do you expect out of life?
6. One of the root causes of sin is bad or ungodly expectations, what expectations do you have that need to be changed or shaped by God? Why do you think we settle for our expectations versus holding onto God's?
7. What is one time specifically this week that you can use to think about your future hope?
8. How can we pray for you?

