



# CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes—September 17, 2017

## Keyverse

*Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. John 12:24*

## Legacy

*Hopevale Church began meeting on September 13, 1959, inspired by men and women who lived sacrificially for the cause of Christ in their generation. That's the legacy we carry forward.*

1. When did you first start coming to Hopevale? What do you remember thinking the first few times you came?
  
2. How well do you know Hopevale history? Divide into teams of 3-4 and work together on answers to the questions below.
  - What two Saginaw Churches worked together to plant the new church called Hopevale?
  - Where does the name “Hopevale” come from anyway?
  - Where did the new church begin its first meetings?
  - When did we move to our new (“North”) campus?
  - What made financing and building North Campus such a miracle?
  - Bonus:** What was the full name of our church until 2006?
  
3. In your own words, what is our church vision for the next five years? Where and when will it happen? Who will be involved?
  
4. What are your thoughts and/or questions right now about our launching Hopevale Church—Bay City in January? What will it take from each of us? What part could your Community Group play?
  
5. Read John 12:23-25 together. What do you need to “die to” this year to have more real impact on your family, friends, coworkers, and others for Christ? What are some things you desire for your life and your Community Group this year?