



CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes—September 24, 2017

Keyverse

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12

Life

To be true to our mission, to be true to our legacy, to be true to our Lord, we've got to do it. That's why we are establishing a Hopevale Church in Bay City.

1. Think of a time you felt discontentment with something in your life, your family, or your work. Why did you feel that way about it? What did you do?

2. Do you think we should experience discontentment and pursue dreams *as a church*? How do we tell the difference between Kingdom dreams and selfish pursuits? Consider these verses:
 - ⇒ Philippians 2:3-6 –

 - ⇒ Acts 1:7-8 –

 - ⇒ John 15:8 –

 - ⇒ Revelation 7:9-10 –

3. Pastor Dan said, “The church was never meant to simply exist for its own members, where we turn inward and become . . . closed to outsiders.” What’s the connection (if any) between our own spiritual growth and the mission of our church?

4. Do you think Dan’s statement should be true of Community Groups as well? What’s a good balance in your group between supporting one another and inviting others? Give an example.

5. What are you feeling discontented with in your life or your family or your work right now? What is your day-dream about how it could be different and better? What steps could you take toward your dream this fall?