



WHY DO WE CALL IT  
**THE PLACE OF HOPE?**  
— MEET THE FAMILY —

**SCRIPTURE:** John 9:25 | Acts 4:13-22 | Mark 2:1-5

## INTRO

There are times that the leadership, and those that have been a part of an organization for a while need to be reminded of how good we really have it. We don't have a church that fusses and fights, we don't do business meetings all the time, we have great talent to bless us every week, and it is really easy to forget what we are blessed with. We have great programs, and plenty of facilities, but there are times that we all lose our passion for what is great in our lives. We don't dream like we once did, and we don't push like we once did. We kind of have a mindset of been there, done that, and have the t-shirt. So what makes this the place of hope? Is it a slogan, facilities, people, money, ministries, the logo on the side of a trailer rolling down the road to take care of a family? Mindset, and all of these things are good, but they are not what gives us hope. Only the Lord Jesus can give us hope.

## SERMON POINTS

- **As it pertains to families, many call it the place of hope.**

Many marriages have been restored. Many families are in church together. Many singles found their mate here. Many families are closer to their church family than they are to their biological family.

- **How do we lose our passion and our fire for what God is doing and has done? We need to be reminded of the things He has done. The same way that we lose our passion and desire in our marriage, our job, and with our kids.**
1. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt.
  2. Spoiled by the blessings.
  3. We've seen so much blessing that the blessing is not special.
  4. It's always been here, so it will not go anywhere.

- **What is the foundation of PGBC?**

Many of us may not know that this church was built on seeing lost people come to Christ. We realize that. We did a great job of going after lost people and sharing the gospel, but we didn't do a very good job of discipling them once we had them. Now, we are doing a better job of discipling, but we have slowed down on the reaching.

We started our Hope Emergency Response Team Ministry last month, and we have blessed people with clothes and items to get them on their feet, but that is a dead end road without the gospel. We are not just doing good deeds, we are using the opportunity to serve, and to have a platform to share how God can change their life.

**Did you know that only 2% of people that name Christ as their Lord and Savior have ever shared their faith with someone that is lost?**

- **We all have a story.**

Bible Examples of where they told their story- John 9:25, Acts 4:13-22, Mark 2:1-5

- **We cannot become complacent. We need to remember words and phrases like:**

**Whosoever will-** God still wants to save the lowest of the low, and the highest of the high, no matter what color, or kind, every breathing human being needs the Lord, and God will save them if they come.

**Whatever it takes-** We need to be reminded that God is okay with radical. If it means buying breakfast, then do it. If it means acting crazy, then do it. If it means tearing a roof off, then do it.

**For much too long we have settled on the goodness of God. The Bible says that his mercies are new every morning. There is no shortage of lost people in this area that need God to change their life.**

**Does the family know the testimony of the ones in the family?**

**Have you told your story? Have you shared it?**

**What IS your story?**

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