

THE STORY WE'RE LIVING

We inspire & equip people to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, because we believe that following Jesus makes life better and makes you better at life...and brings glory to God in the process. Join us!

THE PATTERN WE'RE FOLLOWING

Jesus lived a pattern of life marked by prayer, healing, and teaching. As Jesus' followers, we aim to follow his pattern, which we shorthand with know (our faith is relational), go (our faith is active), and grow (our faith is transformational).

THE PEOPLE WE'RE BECOMING

Jesus' followers are to be marked by love, take the initiative, and pursue excellence.

We are others-centered. Jesus said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13 NLT) Following Jesus means putting aside our comfort and preferences to serve others. We aim to express selfless concern through practical actions with sensitivity, kindness, and humility.

We are proactive. In the Scriptures we see repeatedly that those described as good and wise are the ones who see a need and then do what it takes to meet it. When we see a need, we don't make excuses or wait for an invitation, we leverage our resources for the benefit of others. We have a can-do, whatever-it-takes mentality.

We exceed expectations. We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people. Excellence is not perfectionism but simply doing the best you can with what you have. Our attitude is a reflection of Colossians 3:23a, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." (NIV) So we are always aiming to do more than what is required, take it up a notch, go above and beyond, and exceed expectations.

THE OBJECTIVES WE'RE PRIORITIZING

God willing and for his glory, we're going to return to Sunday mornings, restart children's ministry, and rally around the mission in the first half of 2022 because everyone's life would be better if they were following Jesus wholeheartedly!

Want to be a part of it? Text ME to 603-225-2550

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YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

[CORNERSTONE ON SITE](#) & [CORNERSTONE ONLINE](#)

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

“Why do I get confused when reading the Bible?”

CONNECT AT CORNERSTONE

We want to encourage, inform, and connect with you!

Go to [CORNERSTONENH.ORG/NEW](https://cornerstonenh.org/new).

You can also text NEW to 603-225-2550.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

WHAT THE BIBLE IS NOT

PARADIGM: READ & UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE PART ONE

TODAY: THE POINT • JOHN 5:31-40

THE BOTTOM LINE

THE BIBLE LEADS US TO _____.

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!

– John 5:39 NLT

PARADIGM: A _____

containing the basic assumptions, ways of thinking, and methodology that are commonly...shared by members of any discipline or group. – dictionary.com

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The Bible is a _____ that leads to _____.

– The Bible Project

Follow along with Jonathan & Mayson Foreman's mission to Portugal!

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THE BIBLE IS NOT A THEOLOGY _____

THE BIBLE IS NOT A _____ HANDBOOK

THE BIBLE IS NOT A
_____ GRAB BAG

"I commit my life to Jesus."

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THE CHALLENGE

KEEP COMING _____
LOOKING FOR _____.

TALK IT OVER

Answer these questions with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

- 1. What do you think is the most significant obstacle to reading and understanding the Bible?**
- 2. What does Jesus say is the point of the Scriptures in John 5:39? How does that compare to other paradigms for the Bible?**
- 3. Why are both parts of the challenge (Keep coming back, looking for Jesus) important?**

IN YOUR GROUP

Some Cornerstone Community groups may use the weekend message as the basis for their discussion. In a one-hour group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.