

MISSION-SHAPED

Hope

Pastor E. Paul Allen – June 25, 2017

1. Open in prayer.
2. Read Colossians 1:27 and discuss how the following truths transform the way we live our lives.
 - a. Hope has a name; His name is Jesus. We are incorporated into Him...we have union life with Him.
 - b. Hope means we are now brothers and sisters in Christ, eternally united to Jesus and one another.
 - c. Hope means we are a family of God mission-shaped to be hope dealers.
3. Read Colossians 3:11 and discuss Pastor Paul's statement, "As a family, we are a beautiful tapestry of ethnicity, age and backgrounds that reflect God's hope, love, and grace."
4. Discuss the story that Brandon shared and why it's important that we're not just living in aesthetical proximity, but emotional proximity (doing life together).
5. Why is the Church—God's multiethnic, multigenerational, mission-shaped family—a living example of God's hope for the world?
6. How can you/we be mission-shaped as God's heart, hands and feet where you/we live, work and go to school? (Share real life examples)
7. Read and discuss Colossians 3:12-15 and Galatians 6:2.
8. Take time to read and embody our soul-tattoo during this series.
 - a. Go and live a mission-shaped life of hope.
 - b. Over the next few weeks, take time to marinate on the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40), the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and the Vision of Transformation Church.
9. Close in prayer.

Extra:

If you want to learn more about how you are mission-shaped to be a hope dealer, go to <http://transformationchurch.tc/series/hope-dealers/>

Marinate on these truths regarding your union life with Christ (identity in Christ).

You are loved by God.	1 John 1:4-10
You are forgiven and pleasing to God.	Romans 5:1
You are accepted by God.	Colossians 1:21-22
You are a new creation in Christ.	2 Corinthians 5:17