



the
LOOP

JUST AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT,
USE IT TO SERVE OTHERS, AS GOOD
STEWARDS OF THE VARIED GRACE OF GOD.

1 PETER 4.10





THE LOOP WAS CURATED TO
ASSIST YOU IN DISCOVERING
YOUR PURPOSE AND HELP YOU
LIVE THE LIFE THAT GOD HAS
UNIQUELY CREATED FOR YOU.

step**ONE**

Who is City Hope Church?

step**TWO**

Who has God designed you
to be?

step**THREE**

How has God called you to
influence the world?

stepONE

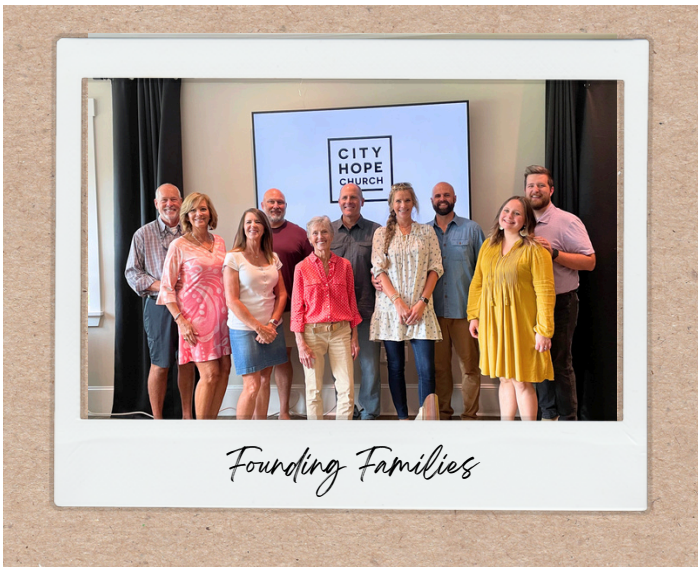


BELONG

DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHO
CITY HOPE CHURCH IS AND WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE A PARTNER.

THE CITY HOPE STORY

IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF 2021, A SMALL GROUP OF FAMILIES FOUND THEMSELVES DRAWN TOGETHER BY A SHARED FAITH AND A VISION FOR A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS. WITH HEARTS FULL OF HOPE AND DETERMINATION, THEY EMBARKED ON A JOURNEY THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE BIRTH OF A NEW CHURCH.



THE STORY BEGAN WITH SIX FAMILIES, EACH WITH A DESIRE TO DEEPEN THEIR SPIRITUAL LIVES AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO SHARED THEIR BELIEFS. THEY RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY, SO THEY DECIDED TO START FOUR HOME GROUPS WHERE THEY COULD COME TOGETHER REGULARLY TO PRAY, STUDY, AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.

AS THE MONTHS WENT BY, THE BONDS BETWEEN THESE FAMILIES GREW STRONGER, AND THEIR COLLECTIVE FAITH FLOURISHED.

THEY FELT A CALLING TO EXPAND THEIR REACH BEYOND THEIR HOME GROUPS, SO THEY DECIDED TO GATHER ONCE A MONTH IN THE WELCOMING SPACE OF THE ROSE HILL CLUBHOUSE. THESE MONTHLY MEETINGS QUICKLY BECAME CHERISHED MOMENTS OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND GROWTH.



WORD OF THEIR GATHERINGS BEGAN TO SPREAD, AND MORE PEOPLE FOUND THEMSELVES DRAWN TO THE WARMTH AND AUTHENTICITY OF THESE GATHERINGS. WITH A GROWING NUMBER OF ATTENDEES, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO TRANSITION FROM MONTHLY MEETINGS TO WEEKLY GATHERINGS, ALLOWING FOR A MORE CONSISTENT AND IMPACTFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED.



HOWEVER, THEIR JOURNEY WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES. THE GROUP HAD A VISION TO MEET IN A MORE CENTRALIZED AND ACCESSIBLE LOCATION, BUT MULTIPLE TIMES THEY FACED DOORS CLOSING WHEN SEEKING VENUES.

YET, DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES, THEY PERSEVERED, HOLDING ONTO THE BELIEF THAT A PATH WOULD EMERGE. THEIR FAITH WAS REWARDED WHEN A BREAKTHROUGH OCCURRED. UNEXPECTEDLY, A PREVIOUSLY CLOSED DOOR SWUNG OPEN, GRANTING THEM THE CHANCE TO CONVENE AT THE JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL—A MOMENT OF ANSWERED PRAYERS THAT FILLED THEM WITH GRATITUDE AND A FRESH SENSE OF DIRECTION.

ON THE CRISP MORNING OF JANUARY 9, 2022, THEIR HARD WORK AND STEADFAST FAITH PAID OFF. WITH HEARTS BRIMMING WITH HAPPINESS AND EXCITEMENT, THEY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED CITY HOPE CHURCH.

THE NAME HELD DEEP SIGNIFICANCE, SYMBOLIZING THEIR COMMITMENT TO BEING A BEACON OF HOPE IN THE CITY, A PLACE WHERE FAITH, COMMUNITY, AND LOVE WOULD FOURISH.



THE LAUNCH SERVICE WAS A TESTAMENT TO THE UNITY AND RESILIENCE OF THIS SMALL BUT MIGHTY CONGREGATION. AS THEY STOOD TOGETHER IN WORSHIP, SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEWCOMERS, THEY KNEW THAT THEIR JOURNEY WAS JUST BEGINNING. CITY HOPE CHURCH WAS BORN OUT OF THE COLLECTIVE DREAMS, PRAYERS, AND EFFORTS OF THOSE SIX FAMILIES, AND IT IS NOW A PLACE WHERE ANYONE SEEKING HOPE, CONNECTION, AND A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD CAN FIND A HOME. TODAY, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ATTEND CITY HOPE CHURCH.

CITY HOPE CHURCH WAS CREATED WITH THE MISSION TO INVITE EVERYDAY PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE THE HOPE OF JESUS IN EVERYWAY.



stepONE - BELONG

OUR DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

People need Jesus and people need each other.



JESUS SAID, "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND" AND TO "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF" (MATTHEW 22).

THAT'S OUR STARTING POINT.

We want City Hope to be a place where people are:

Loved Seen Heard
Cared For Safe Known

OUR SUNDAY GATHERINGS ARE DESIGNED FOR:

1. _____

We believe church should be *enjoyed*, not endured.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

PSALM 122.1 NKJV

2. _____

We expect God to *move*.

“But...when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear; their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, ‘Truly God is here among you!’”

1 CORINTHIANS 14.24–25 GNT

3. _____

Practical truth that helps on *Monday*.

“So, Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

EPHESIANS 4.11–12

4. _____

We never close without inviting people to know *Jesus*.

“‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?”

ROMANS 10. 3–14 NLT

Small Groups Provide Three Things

1. A place to _____ .

To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some.

CORINTHIANS 9.22

Connect

We were not made to do life alone. God created us for community, and Small Groups provide a place for you to connect with others, share life, and grow in faith together.



2. A place to _____ .

“For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3.16

Protect

When we do life together, our problems become smaller as God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Small Groups become a place where others don't just know your name but care about what is happening in your life and want to support you in your spiritual journey.



3. A place to _____ .

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

PROVERBS 27.17

Grow

We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Small Groups are a place you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.



Why Small Groups Matter

WE BASE OUR SMALL GROUPS MODEL ON THE EARLY CHURCH AS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE IN THE BOOK OF ACTS. IN ACTS, YOU CAN READ ABOUT HOW SMALL GROUP MEETINGS IN HOMES HELPED LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN THE FIRST CHURCH IN JERUSALEM. A PLACE TO CONNECT, A PLACE TO PROTECT, AND A PLACE TO GROW.



“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.”

ACTS 5.42

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

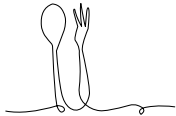
ACTS 20.20

Things to know about City Hope Small Groups:



Our groups are “free market.”

We want people to gather together based on things they enjoy and are important to them. Essentially, the things you are already doing in your life are the things that can make up your Small Group! From sports groups to lunch groups, parenting groups to student groups, Bible study groups to creative arts groups, our groups are as varied as we are.



There are three semesters every year.



Life flows in seasons, and we want to make it easy for you to be in the right Small Group in each season. This is why we have new groups that start and stop three times a year in what we refer to as “semesters.” The semesters are September-December, February-May, and June-July.

Every one can join a group.

Our hope is for every person at City Hope to be connected in a meaningful community through a Small Group. With so many groups to choose from, we are confident there is a group that is a great fit for you. Once you find a few groups that interest you, contact the leaders to learn more and make plans to check them out in person.



Any one can host a group.



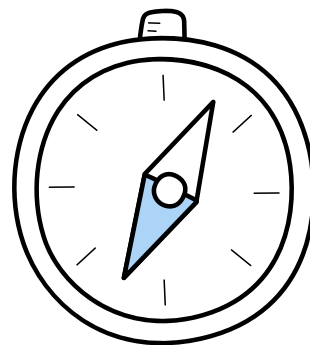
We believe hosting a group is simple because we all have something to offer others. Whether it's something you are passionate about, an experience you've had that can help others, or an area in which you are looking to grow, hosting a group is a great way to bring people together in a meaningful community.

stepTWO - BECOME

People need a purpose.

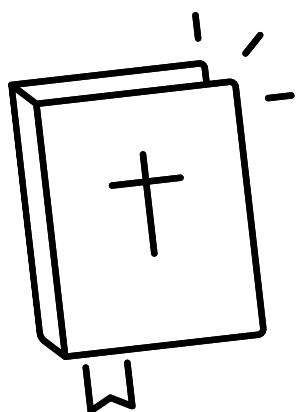
“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12:2



This step is about growing your faith, your character, and your spiritual habits. We do that through:

- *Step 2's online assessment (The Real You)*
- *Teaching on spiritual disciplines things like prayer, worship, and generosity*
- *Freedom Groups & Conferences*
- *Retreats (Men's, Women's, Marriage, Parenting)*
- *21 Days of Prayer*
- *Discipleship Groups - smaller, intentional groups where people are challenged and changed*



“Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.

HEBREWS 6.1

stepTHREE - BE TRAINED

People need to be equipped.

John 13:15 — “I’ve set you an example. Do as I have done for you.”

We believe everyone has something to offer. You don’t have to be a pastor to have a ministry. This is where you learn to serve, lead, and disciple others:

- Serve Teams
- Leadership Labs

- Mentorship
- One-on-one Coaching

- Evangelism Training
- Deacon & Elder development

This is where we shift from addition to multiplication.

This is how culture shifts — not just when the pastors and staff lead — but when the people are equipped to lead too.

We are committed to showing people how to follow Jesus and how to help others follow Him too. That’s what being trained is all about.



stepFOUR - BE SENT

People are called to make a difference.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, “Go and make disciples of all nations.”

You might not go overseas—but you are called to live on mission. That means:

- Seeing your workplace, neighborhood, and hobbies as mission fields

- Being trained in gospel conversations

- Launching ministries, starting groups, serving the city, or stepping into missions

- Becoming a lay counselor or leader in our Hope Center



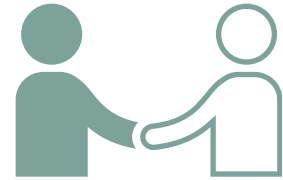
We don't just want to build a great church **in here**.
We want to impact the world **out there**.

This is our Discipleship pathway. Everything we do here at CH is framed from 1 of these 4 steps. Wherever you find yourself at today in your own journey...we would love to walk alongside of you.

At City Hope

We believe the Bible is the Holy and Inspired Word of God. It's the foundation we stand on and the source of truth that shapes how we live and lead the church.

City Hope is led by an **elder board** and served by a team of **deacons**. Together, they provide direction, care, and support so that our church can keep moving forward in God's mission.



CHURCH FINANCES

AT CITY HOPE CHURCH, WE PRACTICE TITHING FOR THE SUPPORT OF CHRIST'S BODY, THE CHURCH, AS GOD COMMANDS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT GIVING 10% OF OUR INCOME IS THE BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR GIVING.



The **tithe**, or “first fruits” of our labor/income, belong to God. We find this principle all through God's Word.

Tithing, giving God the **first 10%** of our income to the local church, is the primary, practical way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9–10).

An **offering** is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to “take hold of the life that is truly life.” You aren't really living unless you are freely giving (1 Timothy 6:18–19).

“Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.”

DEUTERONOMY 14:22–26

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

MALACHI 3:10

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, Hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ-follower, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans 12:8). It is a Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God.



Many people love to give to God, and as they do, they want to feel confident in the organization through which they give. At City Hope, we want people to understand they are giving to God *through* the church, not *to* the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of City Hope, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that He is leading our church to steward it well.

BECOMING A PARTNER

City Hope Church Partnership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in Step One of the Loop, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the City Hope family. In doing so, I make the following commitment to God and my fellow partners:

I will protect the unity of my church by:

Acting in love toward other members. Refusing to gossip. Following the leaders.



“So then, let us pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another.”

ROMANS 14.19

“Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus.”

ROMANS 15.5

“Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth, so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure heart love one another constantly...”

1 PETER 1.22



“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.”

EPHESIANS 4.29

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”

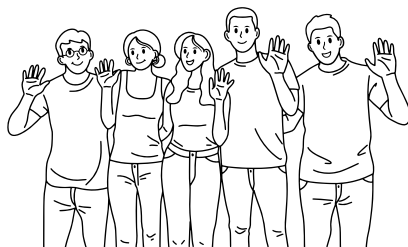
HEBREWS 13.17

I will share the responsibility of my church by:

Praying for its growth and health. Inviting the unchurched to attend. Warmly welcoming those who visit.

“To the church...we always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.”

1 THESSALONIANS 1.1–2



“Then the master told the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and make them come in, so that my house may be filled.’”

LUKE 14.23

“Therefore welcome one another, just as Christ also welcomed you, to the glory of God.”

ROMANS 15.7

I will serve the ministry of my church by:

Discovering my gifts and talents. Using my God-given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. Developing a servant’s heart.

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you.”

1 PETER 4.10 PH

“So Christ Himself gave...pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

EPHESIANS 4.11–12



“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... taking the form of a bondservant.”

PHILIPPIANS 2.4–5, 7 NKJV

I will support the testimony of my church by:

Attending church and Small Groups faithfully. Living a Godly life. Giving regularly.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

ACTS 2.42

“Let us not neglect our meeting together...but encourage one another.”

HEBREWS 10.25 NLT

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 PH



NOW WHAT?

1. *Become a Partner*

Partnership is not about adding your name to a roster; It’s about connecting with the people and the vision of the church. We would love for you to be a partner

2. *Join a Small Group*

Connect with our Small Groups team to join a group today.

3. *Complete The Loop*

Allow us to walk alongside you on this journey. Complete The Loop online at cityhopesc.org/theloop.

stepTWO



B E C O M E

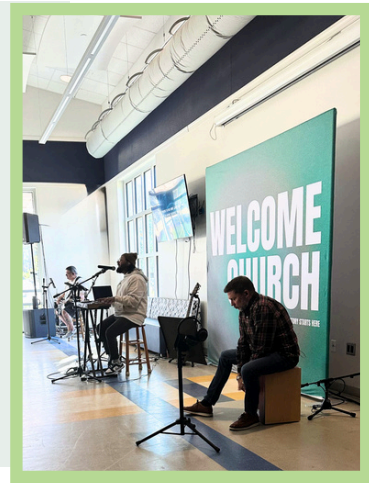
DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS
AND SEE HOW YOUR UNIQUE DESIGN
REVEALS YOUR PURPOSE.

God didn't just save you *from* something, He saved you *for* something.



Ephesians 4 says that pastors and leaders are called to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. First Peter 4.10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."

1. You have a _____.



2. Your _____ was given so you could make
a difference in the lives of others.

The word *gift* in the original language is charis.

It's where we get the word charismatic. Being charismatic doesn't mean being out of control - it simply means being aware of your gifts and using them.



*When you serve in your God-given design,
three things happen:*

It feels

it's what you were made to do.

It helps

*it impacts others in a
meaningful way.*

It fulfills

it fills your heart with joy.

**YOU'RE ABOUT TO TAKE THE REAL YOU ASSESSMENT—A
SHORT TOOL THAT WILL HELP YOU DISCOVER BOTH YOUR
PERSONALITY AND YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.
AS YOU TAKE THE ASSESSMENT, I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT
THREE THINGS:**

Your

Your

Your

My purpose is to

by



NOW WHAT?

1. *Complete The Real You Assessment*

First - Go to <https://therealyou.org>.

Next - Click "Get Started"

Then - Create your free account

From There - Complete the assesment

2. *Finish The Loop*

Complete The Loop online at cityhopesc.org/theloop.

3. *Pray*

Pray and ask God to strengthen the gifts and passion inside of you.

4. *Join a Team*

Now that you have discovered your God-given gifts, join a team where you can use those strengths to make a difference in the lives of others.

stepTHREE



BE TRAINED

FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LEADER AT CITY HOPE AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN STRENGTHEN YOUR CHARACTER TO FULFILL YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL.

DEVELOPING YOUR *Leadership*

At City Hope, leadership isn't about titles or perfection.
It's about qualities that point people to Jesus.
Here are four qualities we train into every leader:

LOVE GOD: OVERFLOW FIRST

Leadership starts in the secret place. People need to see someone who has been with Jesus. (Acts 4.13)

THREE PRACTICES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

LOVE PEOPLE: SERVICE OVER STATUS

Greatness in the Kingdom is servanthood. (Mark 10.43-45) We put people over preferences and needs over notice.

THREE PRACTICES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

DEVELOPING YOUR *Leadership*

PURSUE EXCELLENCE: DO THE RIGHT THINGS WELL

They said of Jesus, "He does everything well."
(Mark 7.37) Excellence isn't fancy—it's
love expressed through details.

THREE PRACTICES:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

CHOOSE JOY: ATTITUDE IS YOUR AMPLIFIER

Joy is a choice anchored in Jesus, not
circumstances. (Phil. 4.4; Neh. 8.10) It fuels
courage, resilience, and contagious hope.

THREE PRACTICES:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. _____

make a
difference

“[GOD] SAVED US AND THEN CALLED US TO THIS HOLY WORK. WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. IT WAS ALL HIS IDEA, A GIFT PREPARED FOR US IN JESUS LONG BEFORE WE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.”

2 TIMOTHY 1.9 MSG

2. _____

that makes a
difference

“ANYONE WHO BUILDS ON THAT FOUNDATION MAY USE A VARIETY OF MATERIALS—GOLD, SILVER, JEWELS, WOOD, HAY, OR STRAW. BUT ON THE JUDGMENT DAY, FIRE WILL REVEAL WHAT KIND OF WORK EACH BUILDER HAS DONE. THE FIRE WILL SHOW IF A PERSON’S WORK HAS ANY VALUE. IF THE WORK SURVIVES, THAT BUILDER WILL RECEIVE A REWARD. BUT IF THE WORK IS BURNED UP, THE BUILDER WILL SUFFER GREAT LOSS. THE BUILDER WILL BE SAVED, BUT LIKE SOMEONE BARELY ESCAPING THROUGH A WALL OF FLAMES.”

1 CORINTHIANS 3.12–15

3. _____

who want to
make a difference

TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD RETURN FOR THEIR LABOR.”

ECCLESIASTES 4.9

Leadership Honor Code

As an essential part of the City Hope Church Leadership family, you have a responsibility to develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior. This should be the basic premise of your desire to participate in a servant-leader position here at City Hope. While serving the Body of Christ as a servant-leader at City Hope Church, you pledge to present a good appearance at all times. In both attire and behavior, you should strive to demonstrate Biblical standards in all situations. As Christians, the way we present ourselves to others is of vital importance to the way others perceive Christ. Our conduct should never be an embarrassment to Christ but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and servant-leader. Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, City Hope Church leaders are to maintain a disciplined life of Bible reading, prayer, and fasting. You must also refrain from such things as:

- Profanity
- Indulging in much wine or other alcoholic beverages
- Dishonest gain
- Illicit drugs
- Pornography
- Sexual immorality (sexual activity outside of marriage)
- All behaviors that might cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble

By providing an example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become servant-leaders themselves. This is a way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader in the City Hope Church family. We should regard it as an essential part of our development, not as an imposition or restriction.

LEADER DECLARATION

Because God has called me to serve my generation, I will value worship over wealth, “we” over “me,” character over comfort, service over status, and God’s purposes over possessions, positions, popularity, and pleasure.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say: However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is yes! Wherever you lead and whatever the cost, I’m ready anytime, anywhere. I want to be used by You in such a way that on that final day, I’ll hear You say, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!”



NOW WHAT?

1. *Find a Team*

Complete the Hope Crew application. Find out more by scanning here:



2. *Join a Team*

After completing The Loop, become a part of the Team and begin making a difference in the lives of others at City Hope.

3. *Serve Others*

Get trained and equipped in the ministry area of your choosing to fulfill your purpose by serving others.

**LEADING EVERYDAY PEOPLE TO
EXPERIENCE JESUS AND
FOLLOW HIM IN WAYS THAT
CHANGE THE WORLD.**

CITY HOPE CHURCH

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