

TAKE HOME SHEET



Message: Who We Are. Why We're Here.
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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A seed has a ton of potential. One single grain of wheat can produce a wheat plant with 80 to 100 new seeds. For this to happen, the wheat seed needs to be planted. Realizing our God-given potential requires us to “plant” ourselves in what God asks. Think about this and answer the following:

Does my life reflect a growing devotion to the things that matter to God? Look at the following questions and consider where you are. If you answer “yes,” give an example to support it. If you answer “no,” what are some things you would need to add/change to live a “planted” life?

Am I faithfully and regularly giving my time and money to support the ministry of my church?

Am I regularly initiating and building friendships with people who don't yet know Jesus?

Do I pray for and pursue opportunities to invite people to New Hope services and events?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Our lives have massive potential... but only if we “plant” them.

²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. ²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. ²⁶ Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

John 12:24–26 (NLT)

Planting my life requires giving up “my way” for “Jesus’ way.”

This includes adopting Jesus’ attitudes, values, priorities, and purposes.

²² I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22–23 (NIV)