

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: Difference Maker
Message: This Is Bigger Than You
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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Two key questions that impact my life's direction:

Who am I?

Why am I here?

⁸“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NLT)

My life is too valuable and too short to waste!

⁴“We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.”

John 9:4 (NLT)

A life of active devotion to Christ is the best investment I can make.

⁹“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.”

Galatians 6:9–10 (NLT)

Deliberately investing my life in doing good to others will pay off now and later.

TAKE HOME SHEET



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After reviewing the message notes, think about these reflection questions:

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior and Leader, how does knowing that He has saved you impact your daily life choices? Do you guide your decisions (big and small) by remembering that you are His child and are here to do the work He has assigned you?

If you haven't yet accepted Jesus, it is important to understand that faith in Him is meant to be lived out daily; it's not a set of beliefs separated from day-to-day living.

Personal Questions:

Does my serving, financial support, and prayer for my local church reflect deep devotion to Jesus or merely dabbling?

What could I do right now to strengthen my devotion to Jesus and the work He wants me to do?

In New Hope's Bible Reading Plan this week, we looked at the following passage. As I read it, how do I think God would want me to respond:

³ "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being."

Philippians 2:3–7 (NLT)

What is one thing I can do this week to apply the teaching?