**Moving Beyond the Norm**

**“Return of Hope”**

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For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Romans 1:20 (New International)

**Hope is confidence in what is beyond our own understanding.**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (New International)

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:24-25 (New International)

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**Really think about this: We reap what we sow.**

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:8 (New International)

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**Core Values:**

**Invest in our relationship with Jesus.**

**Invest in intentional biblical community.**

**Invest in serving others and sharing God’s love with them.**

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**Hope is experienced when we trust God and move beyond ourselves.**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 (New International)

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (New International)

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