

Unexpected – Breathe 3.31.2019

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**Memory Verse:** -2 Corinthians 5:20

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**NPC Mission Statement:** *We exist to Know Him More, Make Him Known & Make Disciples.*

**Discuss the following passages in light of the “We Exist” statement above.**

**Know Him More** (Philippians 1:9-10 NLT)

“<sup>9</sup> I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. <sup>10</sup> For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return.”

- Are you actively seeking God out and learning more about him daily?
- What do you currently do to know Him more?
- What could you add to your daily life in order to know God more?
- Give an example of a way someone you know learns more about God.

**Make Him Known** (2 Corinthians 5:11-21 NLT)

“<sup>11</sup> Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. <sup>12</sup> Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, <sup>[a]</sup> so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart. <sup>13</sup> If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. <sup>14</sup> Either way, Christ’s love controls us. <sup>[b]</sup> Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>15</sup> He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup> So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! <sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! <sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” <sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, <sup>[d]</sup> so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

- How do you make Him known (at work, school, out with friends, family who doesn’t know God)?
- What could you do to make Him known?
- How did you come to know Jesus?

**Make Disciples** (Matthew 28:18-20 NLT)

“<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

- What does it mean to “Make Disciples”?
- How do you make disciples?
- What could you do to help make disciples?

**Why it is so important to have balance in all three responsibilities?**

The more you know God, the more you want to share His story of Grace and Salvation. If you truly understand and know God you know how important it is to share His Love and how dire if you don’t. If you are making Him known to others, you will make disciples.