



Guest Speaker

Home - Scott Nickell

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Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation--encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

// Bible References

John 14:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; 1 Peter 2:11.

// Message Summary

This weekend we were blessed to receive a message from Pastor Scott Nickell of Southland Church. Scott is a former pastor here at Flatirons, and we were thrilled to have him back to bring the Word. His message, simply titled, *Home*, spoke to us about our deep desire to find our true home: a place surrounded by our loved ones and a deep sense of belonging. An overarching theme of the Bible is that we are not home - yet. The sense of indescribable restlessness, yearning and longing that seems to be ingrained in us all is a signpost that there is something greater awaiting us. Jesus told His listeners that the “something greater” was an eternal home in the presence of God the Father.

// Biblical and Historical Context

A typical Jewish family home during the first century AD would have been a simple structure. It may have had one or two stories, with a central family room on the ground and any sleeping rooms upstairs. Because of costs, rooms were limited and small. As such, most daily activities - working, playing, relaxing - would actually have taken place outside of the home (the family would come inside when the weather was inhospitable, or to sleep). When the family grew and additional generations were born, it was common for the father to add rooms to the house, eventually building a larger, multi-room complex to house everyone in his care. For a father in the first century AD to be described as having many rooms in his house indicated two things about the man: his desire to provide for his large family, and his significant wealth. When Jesus describes the Father’s house as one with many rooms, He was pointing us towards God’s desire to be our provider, His longing to have us in His care, and His ability to provide for us abundantly.

// Community Questions

What is your favorite thing about being home?

// Discussion Questions

1. Together, read John 14:1-4. What do you find interesting in this passage?
2. What is Jesus trying to teach His disciples about our future “home”?
3. Pastor Scott made this observation:

“The reason you don’t feel fully at home here is because you aren’t fully at home here. The reason you feel like you don’t totally belong here is because you don’t totally belong here. The reason you feel like you aren’t there yet is because you aren’t there yet. The reason you feel like something is missing is because something is missing.”

Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

4. What moments in your life feel like “signposts” to God’s future home? In what ways can you be intentional about seeing and savoring more of these moments?
5. How would you describe finally coming “home” to God the Father?

// Challenge

Pastor Scott’s challenge to us this week was to slow down and enjoy the glimpses.

Sit. Swim. Climb. Cry. Enjoy. Appreciate.

Be on the lookout for moments this week which are a signpost to God’s home, and when you find them, savor them - and consider that the Good Father who has provided this gift has far greater in store for you.