



## NORTHPOINT CHURCH

### IN-PERSON + STREAMING AT NORTHPOINT

Two Sunday services: **in-person**, inside the Worship Center and **live-streaming** on Facebook and YouTube **at 9:00 a.m.**, and **in-person**, inside the Worship Center at **10:45 a.m.**

### PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

- Need to speak or pray with someone after the service? Pastor Tony and our Prayer Team Members will be down in front of the stage to visit with you right after we are dismissed.
- You can also fill out a **Response Card** or **Care Card** at the Information Center in the Foyer. You will be contacted as soon as possible this week.

### PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **General Prayer Requests** — [prayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:prayer@northpointcorona.org) — for requests that will be emailed to the congregation's Prayer Chain
- **Confidential Prayer Requests** — [confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org) — for private requests that will be directed to the Leadership Team
- **Need Prayer Today?** — You can pray with someone at the end of this service — prayer team members will be waiting in front of the stage

### LEADERSHIP AT NORTHPOINT

Email the Northpoint Leadership Team at [leadershipteam@northpointcorona.org](mailto:leadershipteam@northpointcorona.org), the Elders at [elders@northpointcorona.org](mailto:elders@northpointcorona.org), or individual Pastors at the following addresses:

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# That You May Believe

[A STUDY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN]



## WELCOME!

We're honored you've decided to spend the morning with us. Please know that we're here to assist you in any way we can with your quest to grow closer to God. Below, you'll find what we'll be doing during today's service. On the right panel, you can get an idea of what happens around Northpoint each week and things we're looking forward to.

## WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MORNING

Today, we'll start by reading a short passage from the Bible to focus our attention on God. We'll sing songs of praise to Him. We'll pray to Him. We'll symbolically celebrate Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with Communion. We'll hear a message from God to us from the Bible. Then, before being dismissed, we'll sing a closing song.

## TODAY'S FOCUS

This morning, we'll continue a new sermon series through the Gospel of John, *That You May Know*. There, we'll see that whenever we are tempted to think our way is the only way, we need to stop and remind ourselves, "I am not the Christ."

## SERVICE ORDER



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▲ = When we're **standing** (as you are able)

- Prelude** - (hank You, Jesus, for the Blood) ————— Worship Team  
**Call to Worship** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director  
*Psalm 34:1-3*
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)*
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Sam Nguyen, Pastoral Intern
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Worthy of it All + My Faith Has Found a Resting Place + Worthy Is the Lamb*
- Communion** ————— Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor  
**Communion Instrumental Mediation** ————— Worship Team  
*Turn Your Eyes + Open the Eyes of My Heart*
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*At the Cross*
- Today's Message** ————— Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor  
*I Must Decrease* – John 3:22-36  
From the series through the Gospel of John: **That You May Believe**
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation  
*Be Thou My Vision*
- Benediction** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director  
*Romans 5:6-11*
- Postlude** - (Jesus at the Center) ————— Worship Team

## WHAT TO DO NOW?

We believe our greatest need is to be connected to God and to His family, the church. Start that by filling out a **Response Card** at the **Information Center** in the Foyer, or by talking to us down front after the service. Want more? Connect through **weekly small groups**, **serving others**, **Sunday school**, and our quarterly **Pizza with the Pastor** gatherings and **membership classes**. Visit [northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/](http://northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/) for more.

## THIS WEEK AT NORTHPOINT \*

- Today** ————— Preservice Prayer, 8:00 a.m., Worship Center Prayer Room  
In-person Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook/YouTube  
Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room Upstairs  
NP KIDS' Sunday School, Birth-6th Grade, 9:00 a.m. (Dismissed from service during Announcements)  
NP Theology 1 Class, 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall  
Firmly Planted, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall Overflow Room  
Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons  
Revolve (Young Adults), 6:00 p.m. - Text text Erin Hanson at 951.515.5831 for Location
- Monday** ————— Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Commons  
Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 7:00 p.m., Heritage Hall
- Tuesday** ————— Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:00 p.m., Heritage Hall  
Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Wednesday** ————— Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:30 a.m., Heritage Hall  
Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall  
Children of the Word (C.O.W.), 6:30 p.m., Campus Wide
- Thursday** ————— Junior High Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Friday** ————— Pieces of Love Quilting Group, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Music Room - *See Below*
- Saturday** ————— Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - *See Below* - *See Below*  
Pieces of Love Quilting Group, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Music Room - *See Below*  
Campus Workday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. - *See Below*

\* For the latest each week, contact [bbrown@northpointcorona.org](mailto:bbrown@northpointcorona.org) to receive the NP All-Church email, **NP News**.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT \*



**Pieces of Love** quilting group will be gathering **THIS Friday, March 17** and again **THIS Saturday**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The group meets in the Worship Center Music Room. They'll be happy to teach quilting skills!



Gentlemen! Our next **Men's Breakfast** happens **THIS Saturday, March 18**, at 8:00 a.m., in Heritage Hall. We'll share a meal, fellowship, and hear an encouraging message from God's Word. Scan our QR Code to sign up.



We're gathering at NP for a **Campus Care Workday THIS Saturday, March 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you're looking for a place to pitch in with the entire family, this is it! Children, men, and women are welcome. Come lend a hand!



On Friday, **March 24**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Northpoint will be hosting another NP Forum, **The Gospel and Culture**. If you are a leader of a small group or if you are a Christian who wants to think about culture from the perspective of the gospel, this event is for you. Childcare is provided. Scan our QR Code:



\* For all that's going on at NP, please visit [northpointcorona.org/this-week/](http://northpointcorona.org/this-week/).

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## SERMON NOTES



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### ***I Am Not the Christ***

John 3:22-36

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

**Overview:** The ministries of Jesus and John the Baptist intersect briefly between the time Jesus goes public, and John goes to prison. During this time, some of John's disciples are concerned that his influence is waning while Jesus' influence is on the rise. John immediately puts to rest any notion of competition, noting that God is the one who gifts people and causes their ministries to grow. John explains further that Jesus' ministry takes precedence over his own since he is neither the Christ nor the bridegroom, but rather the forerunner to the Christ and the friend of the bridegroom. John then resolves to diminish in importance so people will focus on Jesus exclusively. John the Baptist's attitude is not simply the humble act of a desert preacher already fading from the scene. Instead, John the Evangelist explains why Jesus deserves preeminence in all things—He came from above and is therefore above all; He utters the words of God and gives the Spirit without measure; He is uniquely loved by the Father and all things have been given into His hands. The pattern is thus set for every Christian to embrace a supporting role in advancing the kingdom while pointing to Christ as the lead in all things.

**01. Competition between Christians from a worldly standpoint is framed as follows: giftedness causes growth; do whatever it takes because the stakes are incredibly high; and my brand is necessary to accomplish the mission. Let us scrap this notion of competition altogether lest we build a following around ourselves as if we were the Christ.**

**02. Competition among Christians from a biblical standpoint is framed as follows: God is the gifter and the grower, but the two are not always tied together; the stakes are incredibly high, but the means of salvation remains the same; and my brand is not the sum or substance of the mission. Let us compete in exalting Christ together and celebrating God's work in the lives of others.**

# That You May Believe

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

1. Why were people baptized by John and the disciples of Jesus? What is the meaning and purpose behind baptism? (See Matthew 3:13-17, 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; and Romans 6:3-5). What is right about wanting to see more baptisms in the life of a church? What is wrong with using the number of baptisms (or church members) to delineate the success or failure of a church?
2. Note the ominous tone of John 3:24 and compare it to Matthew 14:1-12. What led to the imprisonment of John the Baptist? What was the result of his imprisonment? How does John's imprisonment validate his ministry in terms of remaining faithful to the message he was given? How do Jesus' words in Matthew 11:7-11 underscore John's legacy as a faithful preacher?
3. How does John's faithfulness to the end of his ministry challenge the idea of celebrity preachers whose success is determined by numbers of followers? Pray that pastors and church leaders will finish their ministries well regardless of popular support or direct opposition.
4. Discuss John's comment in verse 27. How does this statement encourage us to support one another in our ministries at Northpoint and beyond? Do you rejoice in the growth of other ministries at NP and other churches, knowing that the Lord is the One who provides gifts and growth? See 1 Corinthians 3 for an excellent model of rejoicing in the gifts and growth of others as the Lord sees fit to extend His kingdom.
5. What elements of the preeminence of Jesus in John 3:31-36 stand out to you? Spend time thanking and praising the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for who God is and what He has done, according to John 3:31-36.

**For Further Reading:** John Stott, *The Incomparable Christ* (IVP, 2004)

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**PSALM 150 (Praise the Lord)***Verse 1*

You made the starry hosts  
You traced the mountain peaks  
You paint the evening skies with wonders  
The earth it is Your throne  
From desert to the sea  
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Chorus*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, All creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

*Verse 2*

You reached into the dust  
In love Your Spirit breathed  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works  
To tell Your mighty deeds  
To join the everlasting chorus

*Chorus*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, All creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

*Verse 3*

Let symphonies resound  
Let drums and choirs ring out  
All heaven hear the sound of worship  
Let every nation bring  
Its honors to the King  
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Chorus 2*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, all creation  
Praise the Lord, raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
You distant burning stars  
All creatures near and far  
From sky to sea to shore  
Sing out forevermore  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

**WORTHY OF IT ALL**

*Verse 1*

All the saints and angels  
They bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns  
Before the Lamb of God and sing

*Chorus*

You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory

*Verse 1*

All the saints and angels  
They bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns  
Before the Lamb of God and sing

*Chorus*

You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory  
(repeat)

*Bridge*

Day and night night and day, let incense arise  
Day and night night and day, let incense arise  
Day and night night and day, let incense arise  
Day and night night and day, let incense arise  
(repeat)

*Chorus*

You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory  
(repeat)

**MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE**

*Verse 1*

My faith has found a resting place  
Not in device or creed  
I trust the ever-living One  
His wounds for me shall plead

*Chorus*

I need no other argument  
I need no other plea  
It is enough that Jesus died  
And that He died for me

*Verse 3*

My heart is leaning on the Word  
The living Word of God  
Salvation by my Savior's name  
Salvation thru His blood

*Chorus*

I need no other argument  
I need no other plea  
It is enough that Jesus died  
And that He died for me

**WORTHY IS THE LAMB**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
To receive power and riches  
And wisdom and strength  
Honor and glory and blessing  
Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
Worthy is the Lamb

**AT THE CROSS**

Alas! And did my Savior bleed?  
And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?

At the cross, at the cross  
Where I first saw the light  
And the burden of my heart rolled away  
It was there by faith I received my sight  
And now I am happy all the day

## **BE THOU MY VISION**

### *Verse 1*

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

### *Verse 2*

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

### *Verse 3*

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

### *Chorus*

Lord You are more precious than silver  
Lord You are more costly than gold  
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds  
And nothing I desire compares with You

### *Verse 4*

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all