

# VISITING SPEAKER - Ps Tom Hatch

## Life Group Notes



### CONNECT QUESTION

What is your favourite kids cartoon of all time?

Demonstrate your best dance move 😊

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**Ephesians 2:10 NKJV:** “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

**Ephesians 2:10 The Message:** He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

This verse tells us that we have hope and future in Jesus! You are not a mistake, or an inferior creation – but have been uniquely fashioned in God’s image for purpose and future! How do you respond to this truth? How does it make you feel? Do you firmly believe these words? Why? Why not?

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Check out **Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 8:22**. This is the first command in the Bible – and one that applies to us today. Fruitfulness and multiplication are commands for us today – and they are the result of activated obedience and discipleship. Life itself is the best example of this command:

Particles – carry the potential of something, but can’t be fulfilled unless there is multiplication to become an atom. Atoms in turn multiply to become molecules, molecules to cells, cells to bodies and the body to the church! Whilst God is a God of the infinite detail, he is NOT a God of small thinking! Do you think you have a growth mind-set when it comes to your vision and purpose? How do you think we can cultivate a growth mind-set?

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Check out the story of Peter & Cornelius in **Acts 10**. Here we see two men, Peter & Cornelius, both given a vision from God that they did not understand at the time. Uncertainties can often happen in life that cause us to ask, seek and knock to look for clarification, direction and confirmation. We shouldn’t let uncertainty to develop into doubt which

can shut down God’s purposes and plans. Doubt is perhaps the first weapon that the Devil uses to stop us from being all that God has called us to be. How do you respond to uncertainty? What strategies do you use to build your faith? How can we avoid doubt shutting down our potential?

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Thinking about the story of Peter & Cornelius in Acts 10, we see that clarity came when the two were brought together and they had their “a ha” moment! It was as they activated their faith, and stepped out, that they saw the breakthrough. Faith is like a muscle – it needs to be activated or used in order to grow and be effective. How will you activate your faith this week? What will you do differently in order to build a stronger faith muscle?

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When we think about vision and purpose, Ps Tom Hatch gave us 4 keys to seeing us reach our potential:

1. Do not mistake the vision as a problem, but see it as a probability. God would not have given it to you to hold you back, but to call you on and call you up!
2. The vision is not my own! We need to put God’s vision over our vision to see things clearly and completely.
3. Sometimes we think what we see is right – so God has to show us a different reality. God had to show Peter three times before he was prepared to question what he had always taken for granted.
4. I may think that I am there to work the vision, but it is far more likely that God has given the vision to work me!

What stands out to you from these keys? Which one do you need to apply to your life this week? How will you do that in a practical way?

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Finally, God’s word is a powerful tool that gives light and direction to our lives. Its not just about getting into God’s word, but allowing His word to get into us! How will you read God’s word this week to allow it to transform us?

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**PRAYER**

Take some time to pray for one another, for vision, future and purpose ☺